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Column One
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IN the matter of Formosa on the one hand and the offshore China islands on the other, it is a little difficult to know where we are. There would seem to be a multitude of principals directly concerned in the issue, or issues, and small chance of reconciling their several policies. The Security Council will take up the question today, some days after the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives approved President Eisenhower's extension, as a purely American move, of United States defensive commitments from Formosa and the Pescadores islands which, Sir Anthony Eden has stated, cannot be coupled with Formosa. He added that the offshore islands had "always been regarded by Britain as part of China," the implication being that whilst Formosa may jurisdictionally be regarded as an external problem, the two islands against the mainland and now drawn within the American defensive network cannot.

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THE fact remains that the U.S. President has been given power to "employ the armed forces of the United States... for the specific purpose of securing and protecting Formosa and the Pescadores against armed attack, this authority to include the securing and protection of such related possessions and territories of that area now in friendly hands." In the calculations of strategy the move seems logical enough; but it will be hard indeed to evade the charge that America has interfered in the internal affairs of China. There may be no United States desire to evade the charge. The jurisdictional line drawn between Formosa and the offshore islands by Sir Anthony Eden is probably no more than a matter of convenience seized upon by the Foreign Secretary as a means of giving consistency to a policy which accepts American intervention on Formosa (taken from China in 1895 and held by Japan until 1945), but regrets its extension to "related possessions and territories" that are properly a part of China's territories and always have been.

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WHERE, now, does U.N. come in? Sir Anthony Eden repeated over and over again in last Wednesday's debate that the one immediate thing to do was to get a cease-fire in the Straits of Formosa. That, presumably, is the object of the Security Council's meeting today. The Government of Peking and the rulers of Formosa will be called upon to stop shooting at each other and, in effect, to accept a position in which, if they do not stop shooting, one great Power, which has announced its intention (outside of U.N. and presumably irrespective of any U.N. decision) to intervene in certain circumstances, may take upon itself the responsibility of acting against one of the two parties involved in the shooting and therefore directly in the Security Council's deliberations.

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IT is an odd state of affairs, especially as the one party against which, in certain circumstances, United States action is threatened, is not itself a member of U.N. and is prevented from entering into membership by the United States itself. Small wonder that Sir Anthony Eden has described the matter as "one of the most difficult situations" he has ever seen in international affairs. There is no doubt whatever of this. It is surprising, therefore, that Mr. Dulles should have felt himself able to assure America's SEATO associates of his confidence that no major war would develop from the Formosa crisis. It is, of course, possible that the Secretary of State's information leads him to the belief that Peking dare not challenge physically the extension of America's defensive commitments to the mouth of important mainland harbours. Aside from this, it is fairly obvious that President Eisenhower will not use his new powers unless the circumstances become exceptional. The difficulty is to know when circumstances become exceptional enough to justify the terrible risk inherent in military intervention from outside; and how far Peking is prepared to go in order to prevent circumstances from becoming exceptional.

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IT is not far from "one of the most difficult situations in international affairs" Sir Anthony Eden has ever seen, to the "exceptional circumstances" under which President Eisenhower would feel compelled to "employ the armed forces of the United States." Perhaps the matter will be clarified and eased in today's meeting of the Security Council. No practical decision of significance can be expected from the meeting, but the United States delegate may be able to calm some of the fears that have been caused by his Government's action.

Jerusalem, January 31.

USSR Asks Immediate Cease-Fire in Formosa

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday (UP).—Russia tonight proposed an immediate cease-fire around Formosa and demanded that the U.N. order the withdrawal of all U.S. land, sea and air forces from the Formosa area.

The Russian proposal came in a resolution to the U.N. Security Council calling for the "evacuation from the islands in this area of all armed forces not controlled by the People's Republic of China."

The Soviet Union has always supported the Chinese contention that Formosa is a part of China and is held illegally by Nationalist leader, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. A. Sobelyev, Soviet deputy representative on the Security Council, asked for an immediate Council meeting to take up the resolution. The Council already is scheduled to meet tomorrow to consider a cease-fire in the Formosa area, proposed by New Zealand.

The Soviet request was made in a letter sent today to the President of the Security Council, Sir Leslie Knox Munro of New Zealand, who initiated the cease-fire proposal last Friday.

The Soviet letter charged the U.S. with intervention in the internal affairs of China and said that "the recent extension of acts of aggression by the U.S." in the Formosa area was "aggravating tension in the Far East and increasing the threat of a new war."

"In these circumstances," the letter added, "it is the duty of the Security Council to take immediate steps to put an end to the acts of aggression by the U.S. against the People's Republic of China and to its intervention in the internal affairs of China."

West Confers

Shortly before the Soviet move was announced, delegates of the U.S., France, Britain and New Zealand conferred on tomorrow's meeting. It was reported that if it is agreed to send an invitation to China to attend the session, the Council will adjourn to give the Peking Government time to consider it and to send representatives to New York.

The U.N. delegates of the U.S., France, Britain and New Zealand immediately conferred on the new Soviet move.

In London, meanwhile, British Commonwealth Prime Ministers were holding preliminary talks on the eve of their conference tomorrow. Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden conferred with Prime Minister Nehru of India, and at an earlier luncheon, Sir Anthony discussed the situation with New Zealand's Prime Minister, Mr. Sidney Holland, and External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson of Canada.

Most of the Commonwealth Premiers are known to support the New Zealand move in the Security Council for a cease-fire in the Formosa area, but Mr. Nehru, whose appraisal of the situation is reported to be of great importance to tomorrow's conference, has not publicly stated his view on this.

US Units Will Shoot Back—Adm. Stump

TAIPEH, Sunday.—Admiral Felix Stump, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, said here today that American units would return any Chinese fire in their operations in the Formosan Straits. "We will defend ourselves every time and anywhere if attacked with intent," he told a Press conference after talks with General Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist leader.

The Admiral stated later that he thought there was little danger of running into trouble with the Chinese Communists.

He said that the U.S. Seventh Fleet was ready to begin the evacuation of Tachen Island within six hours after receiving orders from Washington, but emphasized that the evacuation had not yet been ordered. He had no knowledge of when it would start, "and I won't know until I get my orders," Admiral Stump added.

Decision Up to Diplomats

The Pacific Fleet Commander denied that the evacuation was discussed during his luncheon with Gen. Chiang. Such a question, he emphasized, would be settled by diplomats, and the Navy's role would be handed it by Washington.

He knew of no commitments to defend Quemoy and Matsu islands, but again added that such commitments would be made at the political level and he would get his order from Washington.

Meanwhile, artillery on Yikiangshan Island, recently captured by the Chinese, continued to pound Tachen Island. Nationalist guns replied. The Nationalist Air Force reported that one of its bombers had "probably" sunk a 500-ton Communist warship in today's raids. *(UP, Reuter)*

Menderes, Koprulu Arrive in Rome

ROME, Sunday (Reuter). — The Turkish Prime Minister, Mr. Adnan Menderes, and Foreign Minister Fuad Koprulu arrived here by air today for an official four-day visit.

One subject of discussion with Italian leaders was to be Italy's possible entry into the Balkan alliance between Turkey, Yugoslavia and Greece. The Turkish Ministers were known to be anxious to have Italy in the alliance as soon as possible in order to establish a link with the Western European Union and the Brussels pact, of which Italy is a member. But Premier Mario Scelba was expected to reply that Italy does not consider the question to be immediate.

One reason for the delay was that Italians and Yugoslavians have only in the past three months—since the Trieste agreement—begun to try to clear away the problems that had accumulated in the previous 10 years of hostility.

To Discuss Middle East

Apart from the Balkan alliance, the Turkish and Italian Ministers will review the situation in the Middle East and the Near East, and discuss possibilities of boosting trade between their countries.

Pope Pius XII, slowly recovering from a grave illness, was expected to receive the visitors on Tuesday.

Tomorrow, the Turkish Ministers will have their first talks with the Italians. In the evening, the Government will give a banquet in the Braschi Palace, followed by a reception to which 1,500 persons have been invited.

FISCHER REPORTS TO SHARETT

Mr. Maurice Fischer, Israel Minister to Turkey, arrived at Lydda Airport yesterday and proceeded immediately to Jerusalem, where he was received by Prime Minister Sharett.

Mr. Fischer reported on the discussion he held last Thursday with the Turkish Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, when he expressed Israel's concern regarding the proposed Turco-Iraqi pact.

The Minister will hold consultations in the Foreign Ministry during the week and will return to Ankara on Friday together with the Israel economic delegation which is to have discussions with the Turkish authorities on trade between the two countries. Mr. Fischer will take an active part in these negotiations, it was officially announced last night.

Peace with USSR Priority Issue, Hatoyama Says

TOKYO, Sunday. — The Japanese Cabinet will meet next Friday to consider its attitude towards a Russian offer to restore diplomatic relations, it was announced today. Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama told reporters that the Foreign Ministry is prepared to open negotiations "as soon as possible."

He made the statement in announcing that the Cabinet will lay down a "basic policy" in connection with the Soviet overture for "normalization of relations" with his country.

Mr. Hatoyama, who has been advocating resumption of relations with the Soviet Union since he assumed office in December, said that he planned to send a "courtesy" reply to Mr. A. I. Dominitsky, unofficial Soviet representative here, who handed him an *aide memoire* last Tuesday.

10-Year Taranto Case Ends in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Sunday (INA). — The 10-year-old Taranto case closed last week with the rejection by the Grand National Assembly in Ankara of the motion requesting a parliamentary commission to study the charges of Mr. Leon Taranto against certain high officials here.

Mr. Taranto was the owner of a large factory here before the varlik, a tax on wealth which discriminated against Jews and which brought financial ruin to many Turkish Jews. At that time, he was compelled to sell his factory to a Turkish firm at less than its actual value. In 1945, he sued for damages, and the trial ended with the rejection of his claims.

He then charged high officials, including the Minister of Justice, Mr. Halil Ozyuruk, with partisanship and injustice. He appealed directly to the National Assembly for a thorough inquiry into his charges. This was finally turned down last week.

The present Minister of Justice, Mr. Osman Sevki, has asked Mr. Taranto to visit his office and disclose all he knows. He pledged that he would order an immediate inquiry if proof could be produced to substantiate the charges.

TURKISH PRESIDENT TO VISIT PAKISTAN

The Turkish President, Mr. Celal Bayar, is expected to come to Karachi for an official visit in the third week of February, it was learned in the Pakistan capital yesterday.

Explosion at Turkey's Embassy in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Sunday (Reuter). — A bomb exploded early today in the garden of the Turkish Embassy in Baghdad, and caused slight damage but no casualties, the Government announced tonight.

It said, "The perpetrators belong to Communist or Zionist organizations trying to impair security and disturb the peace." Investigations into the incident were taking place, it added.

No Quick Accord Seen on Tunisia

PARIS, Sunday. — Negotiations for Tunisian autonomy intensified by Premier Mendes-France last week, continued here today, but it was forecast that an agreement would not be signed before next Wednesday's debate on North Africa in the National Assembly.

The Premier was expected to join in the talks following his return tonight from a visit to his constituency. The meeting was expected to last through the night.

The progress of the Tunisian negotiations may have a decisive effect on the North African debate. Last week, M. Mendes-France named a leading Gaullist, M. Jacques Soustelle, as new Governor-General of Algeria, in a move which may gain him vital votes.

M. Soustelle met tonight with the outgoing Governor-General, M. Roger Leonard, who had arrived earlier from Algiers.

From Algiers, it was reported that Algerians had voluntarily surrendered hundreds of weapons yesterday in the Constantine Department. *(Reuter, UP)*

Israel Trusts in U.S. Goodwill—Halprin

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — Notwithstanding irritation, disappointment and concern over the American arms policy, Israelis retain their confidence in America's essential goodwill. The irritation does not eclipse or reduce the profound appreciation of U.S. efforts through Point Four aid and in other ways to assist the development of Israel, Mrs. Rose Halprin, Acting Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, declared here today on her return from the recent plenary session of the Agency in Jerusalem.

She said that the policy of supplying the Arabs with arms is deplored in Israel "not only because of its possible effect on security but also because it is a self-defeating policy which precludes the achievement of stability which is the U.S. aim."

Mrs. Halprin reported that negotiations with Zionist parties revealed that there is considerable unanimity on major tasks confronting the movement.

Twelve Clashes With Infiltrators in Week

A total of 12 clashes between armed infiltrators and Israel security forces occurred during the week ending January 26. During that period there were two violations of Israel's border for purposes of illegal ploughing and grazing, and several thefts of irrigation pipes and agricultural equipment.

SYRIAN PLAINT

Syria has lodged a complaint with the Mixed Armistice Commission alleging that Israel has resumed the use of armoured boats on Lake Kinneret, according to ANA. Previous MAC decisions have termed the use of such boats by Israel a violation of the Armistice Agreement.

FIVE LAMBS STOLEN BY INFILTRATORS

Five lambs were taken from a pen belonging to a resident of the Nes Harim settlement in the Jerusalem Corridor during an exchange of fire between infiltrators and settlement guards on Saturday night. An investigation yesterday revealed that the tracks of two men and one lamb led to the border. The other four lambs were found in the fields.

The owner of the animals, Mr. David Aziz Zohari, was fired upon when he went to investigate suspicious noise coming from the pen, and he saw two men fleeing from the spot. Settlement guards approached and opened fire on the infiltrators, who escaped across the lines.

SYRIAN ARMY MISSION TO VISIT JORDAN

AMMAN, Sunday (Reuter). — A Syrian military mission will visit Jordan next Tuesday to study the situation on the Jordan-Israel frontier, and visit Jordan Home Guard camps, according to American military sources.

Other Arab military missions will also visit Jordan at the request of the Arab Legion.

Jordan to Receive British Aircraft

Britain has agreed to supply Jordan with planes, in compliance with the latter's recent request, NEABS reported yesterday.

The British Ambassador in Amman notified the Defence Minister, Anwar Nusseibeh, of this decision yesterday morning, it was stated.

A report from Amman said that Italy yesterday offered to supply Jordan with planes. This was revealed after the Italian Minister in Amman had met Defence Minister Anwar Nusseibeh. Jordanian experts were said to be studying the offer.

Arab Delegation To See Nuri; Egypt May Quit League

A four-man mission will leave for Baghdad today to hold discussions with Premier Nuri e-Said, the Arab Premiers' conference announced yesterday. The announcement followed reports that the proposed Turco-Iraqi defence alliance has caused the gravest split in the history of the Arab League.

An official Egyptian spokesman quoted by the Arab News Agency said that the mission will tell Iraq that Egypt will be forced to leave the Arab Collective Security Pact if Iraq insists on signing the treaty with Turkey.

The delegation will be headed by the Lebanese Premier, Sami e-Solh, and will include the Egyptian Propaganda Minister, Major Salah Salem, Syria's Foreign Minister, Faidi el Atassi, and the Jordan Foreign Minister, Walid Salah. The Premiers who are participating in the meeting are returning to their respective capitals and will reconvene in Cairo on Thursday.

Showdown Shelved

The decision to adjourn the talks and send the delegation to Baghdad was taken after a five-hour meeting yesterday.

It shelved for the time being a showdown that was reported to involve the threat either of Iraq's expulsion or Egypt's withdrawal from the Arab League.

It was said that a new extreme of bitterness was reached on Saturday night because Iraq refused to join in issuing a communique on the talks. A five-man committee had prepared a text reportedly expressing the refusal of the other states to join Turkey in the defence pact and their decision to go ahead with the proposal for the unification of Arab armies within the framework of the Arab Collective Security Pact.

Egypt had the full support of only Saudi Arabia and the Yemen, while the Iraqis refused to budge from their announced intention of going ahead with plans to sign the proposed alliance. The Egyptians were particularly angered at the noncommittal attitude of the Lebanese, Syrian and Jordan representatives, caught in the Iraqi-Egyptian dispute. These three nations were originally expected to back Egypt, which instead found them refusing to go along with her.

The Arab leaders sat up all Saturday night, but the critical session ended in utter disagreement.

Nuri Victorious

Diplomatic observers were virtually unanimous in saying that victory has gone to Nuri after the conference had held 13 stormy meetings totalling 72 hours. They said that his refusal to go to Cairo claiming "illness" has been successful, and that his prestige has risen because the Arab League representatives have now been forced to come to him.

These sources saw particular significance in the fact that the leader of the new mission is e-Solh, who in recent weeks repeatedly came out in favour of the proposed alliance.

It was predicted that little could be done in the way of adopting strong measures against Iraq, and that the conference would eventually end with a general review of the various participating states.

The Jordan Premier, Tewfik Abu'l Huda, was the first to leave Cairo yesterday. On his return to Amman, he convened a special Cabinet meeting and reported for three hours on the Cairo meeting. Earlier, he had an audience with King Hussein. *(UP, Reuter, NEABS)*

British Trade Group To Meet Nasser Today

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — A British mission to increase trade between Britain and Egypt is due to meet Prime Minister Abdul Nasser and Finance Minister Moneim el Kaissuny tomorrow.

The mission, led by Mr. G.C.R. Eley, Director of the Bank of England, arrived in Cairo today to spend a fortnight discussing trade problems with Egyptian businessmen in Cairo and Alexandria. It will also study Egypt's national development schemes, including the giant £190m. dam at Aswan, and will try to persuade the Egyptian Government to reopen the Alexandria cotton futures market.

TITO IN ADEN

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuter).—President Tito's yacht, the Galeb, today anchored in the port of Aden, where she is to stay overnight, Belgrade Radio reported. Tomorrow, the President will go ashore and visit the Governor.

Marzouk and Azzar to Be Haged in Cairo This Morning

Mass Youth Rally in Tel Aviv Protests Show Trial Sentences

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Egypt's rulers must know that the future relations betwee the two peoples are at stake, Mr. Herzl Berger, M.K., told a youth rally which gathered in Mograbi Square to protest the sentences in the Cairo show trial. The defendants of that trial, he said, "are Jews like ourselves—it is only a matter of accident that they are in Egypt while we are here."

He declared that their bearing during the trial "filled our hearts with pride," and asserted that peace could only be assured by increasing Israel's strength. He pointed out that the Cairo trial was the second held in Arab capitals directed against Jewish solidarity with Israel — the first being in Baghdad two years ago when two Jews were put to death.

The meeting was called by the Committee for the Defence of the Condemned, sponsored by the Association of Immigrants from Egypt.

Mr. Y. Weisman, of B'nai B'rith, who also spoke at the rally, said that "vengeance for the Cairo trial victims would come from among the Egyptian people itself." Many Egyptians, he said, wished to live in peace with Israel. A telegram was sent to the President of B'nai B'rith today, asking him to join in the efforts to save the condemned men from death.

According to Mr. Beni Marshak, the Egyptian leaders "do not realise what they are doing" by their provocation. Mr. S. Fishelev said that the only "language the Egyptians understand is that which they got in 1948," which "should be repeated." Mr. I. Nishri, Mr. H. Barzel, Mrs. S. Lifson, of WIZO and Mr A. Abbas, of the Histadrut Executive, also spoke.

Two thousand persons gathered in the rain and broke into the Palmach song which was led by Mr. Marshak. The rally ended with the singing of Hatikva. Participants carried banners, calling for the immediate release of the Cairo victims.

A statement read at yesterday's meeting of the Histadrut Executive Committee by Mr. Mordecai Namir, the General Secretary, urged the conscience of the world to speak up and prevent the carrying out of the sentences, which would intensify animosity between Egypt and Israel and tension in the region.

A cable requesting intercession by the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, on behalf of the condemned Jews was sent to U.N. Headquarters by the Mayors of the three major cities today. In the cable, signed by Mayor Y. Kariv of Jerusalem, Mayor Haim Levanon of Tel Aviv and Mayor Abba Khoushy of Haifa, the Secretary-General was requested to exert the same efforts to save the condemned Jews as he had done in the case of the 11 U.S. airmen held prisoner in China. (A similar cable was sent by Jerusalem's Deputy Mayor E. Eliachar on behalf of a mass meeting in the Capital today sponsored by the World Sephardi Federation.)

In the name of 350,000 women organized in the seven associations incorporated in the Women's Council, a telegram was sent to the Women's Organization of the U.N., asking intervention on behalf of the Cairo victims. Mr. Edward Lawson, the U.S. Ambassador, was similarly petitioned.

Dr. Y. Kot, Chairman of the National Magen David Adom Association, today handed to the U.S. Ambassador the protest of his group against Egypt's inhumanity.

S. Azzar

M. Marzouk

Azzar's Sister Grateful For Efforts to Save Brother

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — "I'm grateful to the many people the world over who are trying to save my brother's life," Mrs. Yafa Shoshani, 28, older sister of Shmuel Azzar, who has been sentenced to death at the show trial in Cairo, told *The Jerusalem Post* here today when interviewed in the modest one-room house where she lives with her husband and her three-year-old son.

Many of the town's inhabitants called on her during the day, trying to comfort her.

Mrs. Shoshani said that she had left Egypt with her husband in 1945, when her brother was 14 years old. Another sister is living in Haifa, but Shmuel's mother and his youngest sister are still in Egypt. They did not come to Palestine with the older sisters because of the father's prolonged illness. He died in 1952.

Mrs. Shoshani remembers her brother as a very shy boy, very devoted to his family. His hobbies were painting and sculpture.

Cairo Offers Education To Students Ousted in Beirut

The Lebanese authorities were reported yesterday to have expressed displeasure over the Egyptian Government's offer of free education in an Egyptian university to those students who had been expelled from the American University in Beirut for demonstrating against the proposed Turco-Iraqi alliance, the Arab News Agency reported.

The Egyptians had sent a special representative to Beirut to make this offer to the expelled students, and the Beirut authorities learned of this only after he had returned to Cairo.

Meanwhile, student strikes and demonstrations continued in Beirut, Tripoli and Sidon. In the latter town, 15 girls were dismissed from a secondary school because they had participated in last week's protests against the detention of 187 American University students.

Bundestag to Remedy Restitution Procedure

BONN, Sunday (INA). — In an effort to remedy the grossly unsatisfactory state of individual indemnification by providing a proper parliamentary forum, all parties of the Bundestag joined in creating a 17-man committee. This is the Bundestag's 34th standing committee.

The draft of an amendment to the Federal Indemnification law for individual claimants should be completed by the end of March, it was announced by the "Working Circle on Indemnification," an *ad hoc* body formed here some months ago by parliamentarians.

Hadassah Fund For Historical Research

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA).—Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, National President of Hadassah, tonight announced the establishment of a $25,000 research project for the study of "Jewish historical experience and its relevance to contemporary Jewish life in the U.S."

In her keynote address opening Hadassah's four-day mid-winter conference, Mrs. Shulman emphasized that the future of the American Zionist movement lies in its ability to "develop a Jewish community conscious of its rich historical background."

She said that seven educators and historians were granted fellowships for 1955. They included Dr. Yehezkel Kauffman, Professor of Bible Study at the Hebrew University; Dr. Ralph Marcus, Professor of Hellenistic Literature of the University of Chicago; Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, Dr. Abraham Halkin, Dr. Cecil Roth, Dr. Salo W. Baron, and Mr. Leo W. Schwartz.

No Egyptian Reaction To World Appeals

An official source said in Cairo yesterday that Dr. Moshe Marzouk, 28, a house surgeon of French nationality, and Mr. Shmuel Azzar, 26, a teacher, will be hanged at 8 o'clock (Israel time) this morning.

The two men were sentenced to death by a military court in a show trial in which 11 Jews were found guilty of espionage and sabotage on behalf of Israel. One of the accused, Max Bennet, committed suicide in prison during the trial. The other eight received prison sentences ranging from life imprisonment to seven years, all with hard labour.

The Egyptian Minister of Propaganda, Salah Salem, was reported to have distributed a 63-page document to newspapermen purporting to show why Egyptian "public opinion" could not agree to requests for clemency.

Diplomatic sources at United Nations Headquarters in New York said yesterday that the harsh sentences were timed to furnish a "resolidifying" influence on the rapidly disintegrating Arab League because of the conflicting views of its members on the proposed Turco-Iraqi defence alliance.

It was also reported that a number of Latin American diplomats had informed the Egyptian representative at the U.N., Omar Lutfi, that their Governments are shocked at the sentences. They expressed the hope that the death sentences, at least, will be commuted.

In Buenos Aires, the Argentine Zionist Central Council expressed its horror at the severity of the sentences against "two innocent Jews accused of espionage and treason."

'Observer' Urges Clemency

In London, the independent "Observer" argued yesterday that an act of clemency on the part of the Egyptian Government in the case of the convicted Jews would enhance its reputation abroad. "For reasons of humanity and goodwill, the Egyptian Government would be wise to mitigate the severe sentences and in particular to commute the death sentences passed," the paper commented.

Mr. Richard Crossman, one of the leaders of the Bevan faction in the Labour Party, and Mr. Maurice Orbach, Jewish Labour M.P., have sent a joint cable to the Egyptian Prime Minister, Col. Abdul Nasser. While the contents of the cable were not disclosed, it is believed that the two Labour M.P.'s had requested leniency for the condemned.

The decision to carry out the sentences, it was said, conformed with the Egyptian Government's tradition of not commuting a sentence once it has been confirmed by the appropriate authority.

The execution of the two men comes in the face of an international movement seeking mitigation of their sentences. Several diplomatic missions in Cairo have approached the Egyptian Government on the matter. Their attitude has been prompted by the great resentment over the sentences in certain circles abroad.

Among the foreign diplomatic missions which conveyed their views to the Egyptian Government was the French Embassy.

It was understood that Grand Rabbi Hayim Nahoum, on purely humane grounds, approached the Egyptian authorities to try to persuade them to spare the lives of the two condemned men.

Official Egyptian sources did not comment on any of the appeals for clemency. They left the impression that nothing on earth could be done to save the two men after the verdict had been passed and confirmed. Premier Abdul Nasser, as the Military Governor-General, had confirmed the sentences before they were announced. *(UP, Reuter, INA)*

Report to Cabinet on Water Talks

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday heard a report on foreign policy, including the Cairo sentences.

The Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance reported on the negotiations with President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East in connection with the settlement of water problems in the area.

The Cabinet also discussed the wage demands of State-employed advocates, nurses, and the Haifa Port workers.

The official conversations on the use of the Jordan River waters which were resumed on Saturday night are expected to end today. Mr. Johnston is due to leave for Cairo tomorrow for talks with the Arabs on his plan.

Mr. Johnston and his party toured the Lake Kinneret area on Saturday and were photographed together with members of the cast of "Porgy and Bess" filling bottles with Jordan holy water.

Children Open Safety Week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Despite threatening rain clouds, over 1,000 schoolchildren marched in the streets to open Safety Week here today. A police band, a mounted police escort and a cart drawn by two ponies bearing safety slogans, preceded the procession to the Ohel Shem Hall, where two road safety films were shown.

Before the films were shown, the children received notice that tomorrow afternoon and for the rest of the week their road safety squads would be on duty at busy crossings, directing pedestrians. It was emphasized that they would not be expected to deal with vehicular traffic, and that they would be working under the supervision of the police.

After the rally, which was arranged by the National Accident Prevention Council, the children were taken home in buses which had been ordered because of the rain.

KILLED BY TRAIN

Mrs. Sara Alterovitz, 68, of Pardess Hanna, was killed by a Haifa-bound train, when she tried to cross the railway lines near Binyamina at seven o'clock last night.

In the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday, Shlomo Kargatz, of Ramat Gan, was sentenced to six months in prison for having caused the death of two pedestrians by non-criminal negligence while driving a lorry a year ago. He was also fined IL.100, and his licence was revoked for nine months.

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Social & Personal

The Mapai Secretariat has sent a message of condolence to the Danish Social Democratic Party on the death on Friday of the Danish Prime Minister, Mr. Hans C. Hedtoft.

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At their final performance in Tel Aviv last night, members of the "Porgy and Bess" cast were presented with a certificate of the planting of 150 trees in their name by the Israel-America Friendship League, in recognition of their successful cultural goodwill mission to this country.

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ARRIVALS: Professor Leon Carnovsky, lecturer on librarianship at the University of Chicago, on a UNESCO mission to advise on the establishment of a school for librarians; Dr. A. Shaoni, Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of Israel from the U.S.; Sgan-Aluf Zvi Kenan, former Military Attache at Rome on completion of his duties (By TWA).

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DEPARTURE: Mr. H. Ellern, General Manager of Ellern's Bank, for a private visit to London (by LAI).

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A reception in honour of Mr. Shmuel Cahana, on the occasion of his 30th anniversary as an impresario in Jerusalem, was held at his home on Saturday night. Present at the reception were Mayor Y. Kariv and many musicians and writers. Messages were received from President Ben-Zvi, national institutions and Israel theatre companies. A musical programme was given by Messrs. E. Dizahav, A. Cohen and A. Sachs.

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The Cinema Owners Association in Israel held a reception for members and friends at the Farmers House in Tel Aviv last night. The two-day annual general meeting of the Association began yesterday.

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A meeting of all members of the Association of Foreign Investors will take place today, January 31, at 8.30 p.m. at 13 Rehov Montefiore, Tel Aviv. Agenda: 1) The amendments to the Investment Law. 2) The proposal for an additional Pension Fund.

Histadrut Honours 2nd Aliya Yemenites

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Immigrants from the Yemen who did not wait to be brought to Israel "on eagles' wings," were the guests of honour at the closing session of a gathering of Yemenite Jews held at Beit Liessin here yesterday. The meeting was organized by the Cultural Department of the Histadrut to discuss education in Yemenite settlements. Many of these veterans of the Second Aliya had walked during the day from Petah Tikva, Rishon leZion and other moshavot in the Tel Aviv area in order not to desecrate the Sabbath.

Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, the Knesset Speaker, and Mr. Shmuel Yavnieli, the emissary who went to the Yemen bearing the news of the birth of Political Zionism, both spoke about their experiences of nearly 50 years ago.

Mr. Sprinzak said that the Yemenite Jews here had not yet fully exploited their cultural and social possibilities, and that if they did not make some real attempt to introduce modern culture and manners into their lives, they would be by-passed by the North-African and Iraqi Jews in the same way that they had been overtaken by other mass migrations. Mr. Mordecai Namir, M.K., Secretary-General of the Histadrut, brought greetings on behalf of that organization, and several of the veterans spoke.

Mr. Israel Yeshayahu, M.K., revealed that the first national workers' organization in Israel was the Yemenite "Peulat Sachir" and that the first well bored in Tel Aviv had been dug by Yemenite workers. They had also been among the building workers employed in the construction of the Herzliya High School.

A decision was taken at yesterday's meeting to collect and publish in book form the memoirs of Yemenite veterans of the Second Aliya.

75 OUTFITS of clothing have been donated by the owners of the Matzkin & Co. fashion shop for the needy of Tel Aviv, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the firm.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
397, 340, 22.3 & 42.9 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m. 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 9.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 3.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. Music at Noon. 12.30 Concert Hall: Organ Concerto (Handel); Concerto for 2 Pianos & Orchestra (Mendelssohn). 1.50 Light Notes (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Notes for Scripture Reading. 4.45 Vocal Recital: Esther Tugendhaft. 5.15 Child's Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Ballet. 7.45 Maimonides anniversary. 8.00 The Picture and the Sound. 8.35 Bible Reading. 8.50 The Building of the State. 9.00 Curtain Up. 10.00 Chamber Music, presented by George Haas, Shimon Mishori, Nahum Pinczuk, Yaacov Menze: Quartet for Oboe and Strings (Stamitz); String (Schubert); Quartet for Oboe & Strings (Mozart). 10.45 Notturno. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
497, 366, 235, 216, 42.9 & 22.3 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA: (22.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Aboard the s.s. Arzah. 11.45 Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (44.6, 235 [illegible]

USSR and Allies Have Six Million Man Army

PARIS, Sunday (UP).—Russia and her European allies have six million men under arms with their fighting power "greatly increased by mechanization and modernization," Secretary-General Lord Ismay of NATO reported formally today.

Thirty days after a war started, they could field 400 divisions, he said, in a book written by him and published by NATO entitled "The First Five Years, 1949-1954."

An annex called "Soviet Armed Strength" set down latest official estimates made by Western intelligence sources of Russia's strength in 1954.

East German Army

"Since 1947, the numerical strength of the Soviet ground forces has remained fairly constant at 175 divisions; but their mobility and fire power have been greatly increased by mechanization and modernization of equipment. That means that rifle divisions have been equipped with tanks and additional artillery. The Soviet potential in airborne troops has been considerably increased since World War II. "The number of satellite divisions has almost doubled since 1947, bringing their total to about 80 divisions," he wrote.

The West German Ministry for All-German Affairs, in a report published today, said that the East German People's Police had developed into a 100,000-strong force and the core of a future army. It included about 85,000 ground troops, more than 7,000 airmen, and about 9,000 sailors.

Anti-Rabies Campaign In J'lem No-Man's-Land

A team of three sanitary workers from Jordan and three from Israel will resume the anti-rabies campaign in the demilitarized zone of Jerusalem tomorrow by clearing the area of stray dogs poisoned by the sanitary squads.

The area from Jaffa Gate to Mount Zion will be cleared, and the day after, from Musrara to Sheikh Jarrah.

US Reveals Sharing Of Atomic Knowledge

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP).—The Atomic Energy Commission announced six ways in which it will share knowledge and skill in atomic affairs with other nations. These are:

1. Establishment of a reactor training school at the Argonne National Laboratory to be opened in March (to foreign as well as U.S. students).
2. A special session for foreign nations of the four-week course in radio-isotope techniques at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies to begin May 2.
3. Training courses in the utilization of atomic energy in the fields of biology, medicine and agriculture.
4. Training courses in industrial medicine and hygiene.
5. Invitations to a number of doctors and surgeons and specialists to spend about two months in the U.S. visiting the Argonne and Oak Ridge cancer hospitals and other research centres.
6. Presentation of a number of Atomic Energy Commission technical libraries to countries or regional groups.

The Commission also noted in its semi-annual report that under a revised law passed by the last Congress it has authority to furnish allies with data needed for retaining their defence forces in the use of, and defence against, atomic weapons and for evaluating the atomic capabilities of a potential aggressor.

Suggest Exhibition Of Atomic Bomb Model

NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — Senator Clinton P. Anderson, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, suggested today that a model of the first atomic bomb be placed on public display in a museum.

The Democrat from New Mexico pointed out in an interview in "Chemical and Engineering News" that the average citizen has not the faintest idea even of the size of the bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima. He said that the model need not show working details, which are still secret, "but would give the public a fresh interest in atomic energy."

The Porgy and Bess Boom

After all, I am a human being with human frailties. The minute I heard that no more tickets could be had for "Porgy and Bess" I fell sick with that longing which is so characteristic of those who failed to get tickets for "Porgy and Bess." I took out Five Pounds from the "Hebrew Encyclopaedia," seated myself on my motorcycle and drover faster than the speed limit permited to the office of the impresarios.

I was somewhat late at the ticket office, since the Police had already closed off the area for the duration of the sale. However, in one of the side streets I unexpectedly noticed the end of the principal queue leading to "Porgy and Bess," and I joined it immediately. Our progress was fairly quick. From Keren Kayemet Boulevard we turned into Shlomo Hamelech and from there proceeded through Frischmann to Rehov Yehuda Halevy, then to Allenby Road and from there through Bograchov to Dizengoff.

"Slicha" ("Pardon") — I addressed my neighbour when we reached the ticket office — "What's this Porgy and Bess"?

"Nobody knows," the people in the queue said. "It is something Negro. They say it is in Yiddish. No more tickets. It is like the Requiem."

By evening I stood at the threshold of the ticket office. A young *bachura* (girl) sat behind the table. I asked her for a ticket irrespective of how, where, or when.

"We have no tickets" — answered the young *bachura* — "Next, please."

I left rather disappointed. In the street a dubious man approached me and offered a ticket. I asked how much, and he said, "One hundred." I told him that was impossible since I needed two tickets, one next to the other. It appeared that he happened to have two tickets, but an aged beggar who overheard our conversation grabbed the tickets for three hundred. Suddenly a little clerk appeared and took over the tickets from the beggar for a quarter of a kilogram of gold. Later I heard that this clerk was stabbed to death by his brother for the tickets to "Porgy and Bess."

At this stage I clearly felt that I should die unless I saw "Porgy" or at least "Bess." I stopped my motorcycle in Rehov Dizengoff, put a big sign on it with the words: "Bargain. Motorcycle in fairly good condition: in exchange for two tickets in the centre." However, the passers-by only smiled. One of them told me that he saw with his own eyes how a clerk had given a Kaiser-Frazer and some family jewels in exchange for three tickets.

A woman whose husband is an usher at the "Habimah," made me an offer: that for a thousand pounds he would seat me on the chandelier. I asked whether it was in the centre, but she admitted that the centre seats on the chandelier had already been sold, so nothing could be done. The cemetery guard stopped me and offered two tickets for 250 pounds, but I did not buy them because the low price made me suspicious.

Under these circumstances, I finally gave up pursuing the show. Moreover, police have suspected that there has been some blackmarketeering with the tickets. That's remarkable! Who would have dreamt of such a thing? Here in Tel Aviv?

EPHRAIM KISHON

CHINA AND BULGARIA SIGN NEW TRADE PACT

LONDON, Sunday (UP).—China and Bulgaria have signed a new trade agreement in Peking, Peking Radio said China will trade tung oil, hog bristles, tea, asbestos and other materials for agricultural machinery, non-ferrous metals, chemicals, fertilizers and general goods.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition. 10-1, 4-6 p.m.
Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.). 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.
Memorial Exhibition of Architectural Works and Drawings by Leopold Krakauer. Also African Folk Art. Exhibit of the Month: Max Liebermann: Prof. Hermann Cohen. 9-1, 3-5 Bezalel Museum.

★ Drama Reading:—
The Jerusalem Dramatic Circle presents T. S. Eliot's "The Confidential Clerk." U.S. Information Centre, Mamillah Road, 8.40 p.m.

★ Concert:—
Italian Music featuring Rose Sander (Soprano) and Gershon Jarecki (piano) Auspices: Dante Alighieri Society, Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, 8.30 p.m.

★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows:—
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors. 11.30 a.m.

★ Library:—
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate Mamilla Rd. Entrance free. 9-1; 3-6.

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★ Exhibition:—
1) Abstract and Surrealistic [illegible]

★ Lecture:—
Mr. C.L. Boileau, of the "Intertype" Company, London, on "Latest Developments in Composing Machines." Beit Ha'va'ad Hapoel of the Histadrut, Hall 334, 3rd floor, 5 p.m.

KIRYAT HAIM

★ Theatre:—
"The Caine Mutiny," Habimah, 8 p.m.

RAMLE

★ Theatre:—
Do-Re-Mi, "Rose from Istanbul."

TIBERIAS

★ Theatre:—
Yiddisher Komedie Theatre, "Die Dorfishe Libe," Libgold, Lilian. 8.30 p.m.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Apache, 2nd week.
EDEN: Mogambo, 2nd week.
EDISON: Lies, 3rd week.
ORGIL: The Moon is Blue.
ORION: How to Marry a Millionaire, 2nd week.
ORNA: Secret Four.
RON: "L'Age de l'Amour".
STUDIO: Belle of New York.
TEL OR: Paid in Full.
ZION HALL: "Les Compagnes de la Nuit", 2nd week

TEL AVIV
At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: Les Enfants de l'Amour, 4th week.
CHEN: The Caine Mutiny.
ESTHER: Love is better than ever.
MOGRABI: The Robe. 3.30, 7.15 and 9.45.
TAMAR: Come Back, Little Sheba, 4th week; 7.15 and 9.15. Continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.: The Great Gatsby.
YARON: The Enforcer.
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HAIFA
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7% of Technion Students Women

HAIFA, Sunday. — Over seven per cent of the student body of the Technion—Israel Institute of Technology, are women, according to a survey completed here this week. This figure compares with 2 to 3 per cent which is the average female enrolment at institutes of technology in the United States. Final tabulation of student enrolment at the Technion and its affiliated Technical High School, reveals that there are 2,329 regularly enrolled students at the institution. Of these, 1,571 are on the university level, studying for their degrees in engineering at the Technion, and 671 attend the Technical High School.

Of the 95 women who are enrolled as full-time students at the Technion and the additional 20 who are registered in the Technion's evening classes, only one is studying mechanical engineering. The most popular course is architecture, which accounts for 30. Close behind are civil engineering with 25 women, general sciences, 24, and industrial chemistry 20. There are also 15 women studying electrical engineering. The only department with no female enrolment whatsoever is agricultural engineering.

Eighty-seven students are studying on the post-graduate level; 70 for a Master Degree and 17 for a Doctorate.

The Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Technion has the largest enrolment with 356 students. Next in size are the Faculties of Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering with 290 and 284 respectively. An additional 230 students are enrolled in the evening school classes.

Of the 320 first-year students, only 58.5 per cent were born in Israel. The remainder come from 32 different countries.

Technion Takes Over Transmissia Workshop

HAIFA, Sunday. — The Technion has taken over the plant and equipment of the Transmissia factory in the Industrial Zone here, it has been learned. Negotiations were conducted with the trustee of the bankrupt estate of the late Mr. L. Belko, who was owner and director of the Transmissia Company, but the price has not been revealed.

The Technion will use the premises as a central workshop for mechanical training. Most of the equipment can be used for this purpose without any change. Crowded workshops and laboratories on the Hadar Hacarmel campus of the Technion, some of which will have to wait for several years before being moved to Technion City, will also be accommodated in the Transmissia plant.

Shiloah Addresses Bond Leaders in Miami

MIAMI BEACH, Sunday (UP). — Mr. Reuven Shiloah, Israel Minister to the U.S., last night accused the Arab states of trying to destroy Israel's economy and thus her military and political strength.

Addressing 700 delegates to the first International Mobilisation Conference for State of Israel Bonds, Mr. Shiloah said, "For the past few years, Arab leaders have concentrated their greatest efforts on economic warfare against Israel.

"In defiance of the United Nations... in defiance of world public opinion, they continue their policy of boycott and blockade. They believe that through a stranglehold on our economy they will bring us to our knees, militarily and politically."

Hebrew Teachers Seminar Opened

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A one-year seminar for practising Hebrew teachers from abroad was inaugurated last week in Jerusalem by the Jewish Agency's Department of Education and Culture in the Diaspora. The seminar is named after Hayim Greenberg, veteran Zionist leader, who passed away last year in New York.

Of the first class of 27 student-teachers, 17 come from Argentina, five from Mexico, two each from Tangiers and Brazil, and one from the U.S. The teachers have undertaken to return to their native countries after finishing the seminar, and to teach Hebrew for at least three years.

Israel Cricket Association Formed

Representatives from all over the country decided to form a country-wide cricket movement to be called the Israel Cricket Association, at a meeting held on Saturday. Dr. Bernie Cohen, of the Tel Aviv Cricket Club, was elected Chairman of the Executive, and Mr. P. Gillon, of Ashkelon C.C., Secretary.

The Association will comprise two Leagues, North and South, which will have separate fixture lists. The winners in the two Leagues will meet for the national championship and Cup, which will rotate annually to the best team. In each League the clubs will play each other twice, once home and once away.

In addition, it is planned to hold two North vs. South representative games. The first, it is hoped, will be staged in Jerusalem on Independence Day.

Haifa Trade Unions Aid Local Sport

By SHLOMO MOZER

Sport in Haifa has made great advances since the local Trade Union movement took an active part in affairs since May last year. An eleven-team football League was organized and after a six months season, the Post Services side emerged top with 19 points, with Kaiser-Frazer runners-up. In the Phoenicia Cup competition, these two sides, plus that from Phoenicia, have to fight out the decision as to which will gain the trophy.

A seven-team basketball League was started. Eshed are currently at the top, with 10 points from six games, and P.E.C. second, nine from five. In a volleyball League there are also seven teams, at present headed by the Army B.M.B. side, with eight points from four matches.

The chess competition of three weeks duration has aroused great interest. Ten teams are playing each Sunday at the Bet Hapoel. Prominent local chess players are participating as members of sides, resulting in keen struggles and a high standard of play. Here, Phoenicia, Hamashbir Hamerkazi and the Railways have strong quartets and lead the way.

The industrial workers have proved themselves true amateurs. Despite a hard day's work they still turn out in this revived Haifa sports activity and give of their best, both physically and mentally.

Begin in Holland

By HENRIETTE BOAS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

AMSTERDAM, (By Airmail). — Mr. Menahem Begin, M.K., spent two days in Holland, January 18-19, addressing a Jewish public meeting convened by the Revisionists here, and a press conference the following morning. Previously, Mr. Begin had addressed Jewish meetings in Brussels and Antwerp.

Despite the very bad weather, and despite the cold-shouldering of the meeting by the Netherlands Zionist Organization (not a single representative, official or prominent member of which attended), a considerable crowd, consisting mainly of East European Jews, had come to listen to Mr. Begin. It was his first visit to Holland.

In his address, which lasted for two solid hours, Mr. Begin first dealt with the struggle for freedom of the I.Z.L. during 1943-48 "as he was not certain that his audience had heard all about it, or heard the correct facts." In the second part, he dealt with the present-day economic problems of Israel which presented "the anomaly of Socialist capitalism" with monopolistic Histadrut commercial enterprises which deterred the potential foreign investor.

He concluded by expressing the hope that his audience "would help the pupils and friends of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky."

(See "Keeping Posted" — Page 6)

Work Begun on Efrat Hotel Sewerage Link

Work began yesterday on connecting the Efrat hotel building in Kiryat Shmuel, Jerusalem, to the main sewerage line some 25 metres away. For the past year, sewage water from the building, connected "temporarily" to nearby Beit Roth, has coursed down Dov Ben Arye and Harav Kook streets, ending in several stagnant pools near the Ohel Rivka synagogue.

Charlton Ousts Cup Holders

LONDON, Sunday (UP). — The fourth round of the Football Association Challenge Cup provided the highlight of the soccer card yesterday with most of the favoured teams gaining a place in the last sixteen.

The toughest match in the round saw the elimination of the cup-holders, West Bromwich Albion, by 4-2 in their home match against Charlton Athletic, whose virile, young South African players outplayed the home squad.

Another hard-fought game was that between the League champions, Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Arsenal. One goal saw the ousting of the London team. Strongly favoured Chelsea, who are tipped to reach the Final at Wembley next May, scored a good 3-1 win on the Bristol Rovers ground, while another of London's "Big Four," Tottenham Hotspur, beat the Second Division Doncaster Rovers and their First Division opponents, Aston Villa, who hold the record of winning the trophy six times with Blackburn. Last year's runner-up in the final, Preston North End, were also held to a 3-3 tie by Sunderland, who will be favoured to win the mid-week replay in this match.

The biggest clash in the Midlands, the local derby between Manchester City and Manchester United, saw the home side emerge surprise 2-0 winners over their more favoured rivals. This round saw the exit of the last amateur team in the competition, Bishop Auckland, who were trying to make history by being the first amateur side to enter the fifth round, but they found the professional Third Division side, York City, far too strong for them and went down 3-1.

RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: F.A. Cup — 4th. Rnd: Birmingham 2, Bolton 1; Bishop Auckland 1, York C. 3; Bris. R. 1, Chelsea 3; Donc. R. 0, Aston V. 0; Everton 0, Liverp'l 4; Hartlep'ls U. 1, Notts. F. 1; Man. C. 2, Man U. 0; Newcastle 3, Brentf'd 2; Preston N. E. 3, Sunderl'd 3; Rotherham 1, Luton T. 5; Sheff. W. 1, Notts. C. 1; Swansea 3, Stoke C. 1; Torquay U. 0, Huddersf'ld T. 1; Tottenham 4, Port Vale 2; West Brom. 2, Charlton 4; Wolves 1, Arsenal 0. SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Div. A: Celtic 2, Hearts 0; Dundee 2, Rangers 1; E. Fife 1, Aberdeen 1; Hibs. 2, Clyde 1; Motherwell 0, Kilmarnock 1; Patrick 1, Qun. o Sth. 0; St. Mirren 1, Falkirk 0; Stirling 2, Raith 1

Prefers Jail to Wife

TORONTO, Sunday (Reuter). — Kenneth, Rapson admitted in court yesterday that he falsely confessed to 11 safe robberies because he wanted to get away from his wife "for a long time."

Police said they became suspicious when Rapson's confessions did not coincide with the facts. He was sentenced to nine months for making public mischief.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

JAN. 30

Pop. Loans	
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5½% Tavel Dollar x)y)	1300
5½% Govt. Bds. (large)	99½
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6% Reg. Sterling "B" a)	94½
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. 3	75
Bk. Leumi ord sh.	265
A.P.B. Investm.	
6% debs. 50/70	97½
ord. sh. "B"	117½
Gazit ord. sh. "B"	106½
Ellern's Inv. ord. "B"	167
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh. c)	103½
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	83½
Bizur 6% debs. 56/65 a)	58
Nir 6% Debs. (bear.) a)	86
5% pref. sh.	80½
Pass 6% debs. 40/64 reg.	83½
"Inva" 8% debs.	137
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5% debs. c)	103½
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Mekoroth pref. sh. b)	66½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	138½
6-8% conv. debs. c)	95
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7% conv. debs. 59/64 c)	104
Meller-Bee ord.sh.reg.xa)	1000
Pal-Brewery 8% con sh. c)	98½
Avais Bejarano "B" sh. c	157
"Teva" ord. sh. c)	108
Nesher 6% debs. "A" c)	110½
6% debs. "B" c)	136
Pal. Cold. St. 7% debs. a)	147
ord. sh. reg. d)	214
Pal. Centr. Tr. 8% debs. a)	96½

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Notice to the Public

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Intermittent showers in the morning. Partial clearance during the day with occasional showers.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	80	8	11	10
Tiberias	61	12	20	18
Haifa Port	—	12	18	17
Natanya	68	8	18	17
Tel Aviv Kirya	58	7	19	17
Tel Aviv Port	70	9	17	16
Lydda Airport	71	4	18	18
Jerusalem	55	11	12	11
Beersheba	96	4	17	16
Eilat	61	14	20	20

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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THE LOCAL COUNCIL of Ashkelon was host to an Air Force unit on Saturday.

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AUTOMATIC PAY phones which operate by tokens instead of coins will be installed in Haifa beginning tomorrow, in Tel Aviv, Jaffa and Ramat Gan beginning March 1, and in Jerusalem beginning March 15. The 80 pruta tokens will be sold at post offices, and authorised cafes, restaurants and pharmacies.

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HEBREW UNIVERSITY Medical School students are to vote again today on withdrawing from the general Students Association and setting up an independent unit. Several weeks ago they voted to withdraw, but later changed their minds.

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AN ANONYMOUS British donor has contributed £5,000 to the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, through its supporting group in Great Britain.

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YA'ACOV KOLO, 21, and a youth aged 17, both of Talpiot ma'bara, yesterday admitted before the Jerusalem District Court to having severely beaten Mr. Raphael Katna, whom they suspected of having an affair with Kolo's fiancee. Judgment was suspended pending the receipt of a report by the Probation Officer on the two accused.

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ON SUSPICION of having stolen jewellery entrusted to him by Mr. Ze'ev Unger for exhibition at a Stockholm fair, Shmuel Rosenfeld was charged yesterday before the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court and released on a IL.1,000 bond after depositing his passport with the Court.

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YONATAN LEV, a Jerusalem pharmacist, pleaded not guilty before the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday to charges of forging and failing to register prescriptions for antibiotics.

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FOR CARRYING OUT an indecent act on a young boy, who is a member of his family, a resident of the Hartuv ma'bara, aged 19, yesterday received a five months' suspended sentence from the Jerusalem Magistrate Mr. M. Even-Tov. The accused also confessed to attacking the sister of the boy and causing damage to property.

Driver Acquitted

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Victor Segev, a former *Jerusalem Post* reporter, was acquitted on Friday by District Judge S. Avissar of charges of causing the death of two persons through careless driving in December 1953.

The accident occurred when David Flieswasser, 30, and Mordecai Lippman, 34, accompanied by their wives and a number of their relatives — walking along the "Security Road," on the outskirts of Tel Aviv after dark on a Saturday night — were hit by the car driven by Mr. Segev, which was leaving Tel Aviv.

According to the widows, who are sisters, who were witnesses for the prosecution, the group had walked on the pavement all the time. Police and other evidence, however, showed that the car had not touched the pavement and that the two men were hit while walking on the road.

Judge Avissar accepted the suggestion of the attorney for the defence, Mr. Ya'acov Kahana, that the accident was due to unforeseen circumstances. It appeared that the two men had walked off the pavement, without being observed by their companions, just at the moment when Mr. Segev was blinded by the undimmed lights of incoming cars and, therefore, could not see the two men in time.

Dr. Rimer appeared for the prosecution.

DAIRY LICENCE CANCELLED

The licence of the Porat Dairy in Hadera to produce sour cream has been cancelled, after a number of inspections had revealed the butterfat content to be less than the minimum requirement, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman announced yesterday.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM — Eggs: 3, Samech 16, temp. 2.

HAIFA AND SAMARIA — Oil: 400 gms. (145 gms. olive oil, 255 gms. cooking oil), Samech 10, temp. 1. Semolina: 600 gms. Aleph and Bet cards, no coupon, temp. 22. Pulse: 300 gms. beans and 300 gms. lentils, no coupon, temp. 7. Tea: 50 gms. Daled and Heh cards, 100 gms., Gimmel cards, Samech 3, temp. 21. Sugar for physical labourers: 400 gms., coupon 77 of special book. 100 pr.

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Tel Aviv Wettest Spot in Israel As Rains Break Dry Spell

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Heavy rain fell early this afternoon, following a dry spell of several weeks. By 8 o'clock tonight, Tel Aviv was the wettest spot in the country, with a total downpour of 16mm. The rain fell in intermittent heavy showers, clogging the main streets with rubbish and creating pools on the pavements.

Severe cold and overcast skies preceded the rain. According to the Meteorological Service, showers will continue intermittently tomorrow.

The downpour, which followed a depression arriving from the Western Mediterranean, drenched the central part of the country only. Natanya and Beersheba during the day reported only "drops of rain." Lydda had 6.2 mm. of rain and Ekron and Hatzor still less.

In Rehovot, a short shower was accompanied by hail and thunder.

There was considerable thunder and lightning in Haifa, but only a few drops of rain fell.

Heavy rains accompanied by thunder and lightning and occasionally hail fell over Jerusalem and the Judean Hills last night, breaking an extended period of dry and summery weather. The rain was welcomed by farmers in the area who were beginning to fear that their crops would be damaged by the unusually long dry spell.

Drought Will Reduce Lebanese Power Supply

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The Lebanon's mountain's, usually snowcapped all winter, are nearly bare now with the prospect of an acute power shortage next spring and summer, the Beirut correspondent of "The New York Times" reported today.

The effect of the snow shortage is already being felt as hydroelectric companies report that the water level is equal only to that of November, a month when water is normally at its lowest level.

Jordan Drought Gives Rise to Profiteering

The Jordan press complained bitterly yesterday of profiteering by merchants, who are raising the prices of foodstuffs due to the continued drought.

In the past fortnight, flour and grain prices have risen by as much as 200 per cent, it was pointed out. The Mufti of Jordan has declared in this connection that such practices run counter to the principles of Islam.

Suspended Sentence For Vagrant Girl

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Passing a suspended sentence of three months imprisonment on a 17-year-old girl, the Juvenile Court Magistrate, Mr. D. Reifen, said today that the lack of a suitable educational institution for girls had caused many of them to turn to prostitution.

"I cannot understand why, in the past five years, not a single institution of that kind has been established," he said.

About a year ago, the girl was found loitering at night with burglar's tools in her possession. She had tried hard to keep away from crime, the Magistrate added, but had found it difficult without external aid.

Clinic Being Built

KIRYAT MOTZKIN, Sunday. — The foundation stone for a IL.-50,000 building to house the clinic and offices of the National Workers Sick Fund was poured here this afternoon. The building will be constructed in stages. The plot was provided by the Aguda Shitufit Kiryat Motzkin. The new clinic will serve all members of the Fund in the Bayside suburbs who so far have been treated by a local doctor or have had to go to Haifa.

The National Workers Sick Fund has 120,000 members in the whole country who are served by 70 branches, many of them in new immigrant settlements and *ma'barot*, Mr. J. Lazar, of the Fund's Centre, said.

SKULL OF MISSING WOMAN FOUND

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — A skull, found on Saturday by members of Kibbutz Hatzerim, was identified today by a Beersheba dentist as belonging to Chaya Schuster, 54, of Beersheba, who disappeared on December 24 last.

The police presume that she was caught and drowned in a wadi by a sudden flood, and that her head was severed and carried off by jackals.

FROM KIRYAT MALACHI TO LOS ANGELES

REHOVOT, Sunday. — Kiryat Malachi, near Beer Tuvia, named for Los Angeles, California today empowered Dr. Avraham Biran, Jerusalem District Representative, to carry its greetings to the Californian city, where Dr. Biran is soon to take up his post as Consul-General. Dr. Biran was also given an album to present to the Mayor of Los Angeles.

Sales Get Off To Slow Start

Jerusalem Post Staff

Retailers reported a slow start to the End-of-Season sales which began yesterday. They attributed the blame partly to the weather, but mainly to the fact that many potential customers do not receive their salaries until after the beginning of the month. All were confident that the tempo will increase in the next few days to a normal sale-time buying fever.

In Tel Aviv, reductions on women's fashions average between 20 and 50 per cent, depending on the extent to which the garments in question "date" after the close of the season. The quality of merchandise being sold in women's clothing shops, whose owners belong to the Merchants Association, is guaranteed by the Federation, Mr. D. Barzilai, the Fashions Secretary, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

All member shops, Mr. Barzilai declared, could be recognised by the posters issued by the Association, and the public could be sure that in those shops genuine reductions had been made on standard quality goods.

More for Food

Experts believe that Mr. and Mrs. Israel spend a larger share of their income on food than they did a year ago, and less is therefore left for other goods, a fact that will make itself felt also in the seasonal sales.

A noticeable development in Haifa during the past year has been the growth in the delicatessen shops selling local and imported foodstuffs (mostly of the Scrip variety). The ranks of street hawkers offering these goods have thinned. Prices at the grocers and greengrocers are mostly higher than in January 1954, but the appeal and variety of food offered have increased. Restaurants have lost patrons as a result.

In the clothing business, the usual winter wear, mainly raincoats, have so far been "dead ducks." It will have to rain hard to bring them alive. The sale of heavy winter shoes has also been slack so far, and shopkeepers would like to see them move. Here, again, rains and prices have to come down to attract buyers.

In Jerusalem the sales show-windows attracted crowds in the morning, but in the afternoon bad weather kept shoppers home.

Consumers Cooperation Month Begins

HARUVIT, Sunday. — The Consumers' Cooperation Month was inaugurated here today by members of the Hamashbir Latzarchan managing board. A new building for the local cooperative store was also opened.

Speakers at the ceremony announced that prices in Haruvit, the provisional centre of the Lachish area, will be lower than those in any other cooperative store in the country. Tools and seeds for a common 10-dunam vegetable garden were donated by Hamashbir La'oleh to the new settlers.

New Scrip Contract Effective Tomorrow

The Government's agreement with the Scrip firms, reported in *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, is to take effect tomorrow, it has been officially announced.

The agreement extends the period in which the Scrip companies are required to convert into Israel currency 42.5 per cent of their dollar earnings.

After three months, a special committee is to study the question of Scrip shops, particularly with regard to the possibility of substituting local products for those now imported.

MORE FOOD CONSIDERED FOR FREE MARKET

Discussions regarding the possibility of increasing the amount of food products now sold on the free market and thus reducing their price, are now taking place, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry spokesman confirmed yesterday.

He also disclosed that representatives of citrus-concentrates manufacturers are to meet today with Mr. Y. Gluckman, Director General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, to work out an agreement for the regular supply of citrus fruit to the manufacturers.

Annie Landau's Work Recalled

"An era in the history of Jerusalem" was recalled over Kol Yisrael last night in a talk by Mrs. Ethel Levy, Principal of the Evelina de Rothschild School, on her predecessor, Miss Annie E. Landau, the 10th anniversary of whose death occurs this evening.

Mrs. Levy recalled that Miss Landau was appointed to the post in 1899, at the age of 25. On arriving from London, her first task was to replace French, the main language of the school, by Hebrew and English, which she succeeded in doing within two years. Her sincere and strict adherence to Orthodox Judaism overcame the suspicions aroused by her innovations in the school syllabus.

Her relations with the Turkish authorities were very good and the school was exempted from taxation and customs dues. It was with reluctance that Miss Landau, a British subject, was obliged to leave for Egypt in 1915. There, she organised refugee schools until February, 1918, when Lord Allenby allowed her to return to Jerusalem. Friends had provided her with several hundred pounds with which she bought food and clothing for the starving families of her Jerusalem pupils.

With the British, Mrs. Levy continued, came a new era, particularly in the social field, and Miss Landau's receptions became famous and invitations were highly prized.

In her 46 years of devoted service, Miss Landau established her school, still known familiarly as the "Landau School," as one of the foremost in the country and one in which modern education of a high order went side-by-side with the practice of traditional Judaism.

More Crime Last Year

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Police dealt with 41,500 cases of criminal offences and misdemeanours last year, compared with 40,000 such cases in 1953, the head of the Criminal Investigation Department, Deputy Inspector General A. Zelinger, told the press today.

He reported that there were fewer cases of breaking into business premises since it was now much more difficult to dispose of stolen property. As a result, burglars were turning to house-breaking. More than 50 per cent of all the crimes committed in this country were detected by the Police, he claimed. Where loss of human life is concerned the figure was almost 100 per cent, but was 16¼ per cent in cases involving loss of property.

Mr. Zelinger revealed that the Economic Police had netted about $3,500,000 for the State Treasury in the three years of its existence.

Myerson to Arbitrate Haifa Postal Dispute

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, will act as arbitrator in the dispute which resulted in a warning strike of 1,500 Haifa postal workers last week in connection with the reinstatement of a dismissed branch superintendent.

Mr. Moshe Dichter, who was superintendent of the Kiryat Haim Post Office, was dismissed from his post three years ago on suspicion of embezzlement, and has since been rehired by another Post Office department at a lower salary and grading.

The District Attorney did not bring the case to Court because of lack of evidence, and the Histadrut has demanded that he be tried or reinstated at his original grading.

Haifa Port Workers Stopping Work Today

HAIFA, Sunday. — Unless Port Authority employees are told tomorrow morning that their demand for pay equality with their colleagues in the Jaffa and Tel Aviv ports (who are getting up to 30 per cent more), is being seriously considered by official quarters they will hold a general meeting in the Port at 9 o'clock to decide upon further steps.

This will further slow down port operations which have already suffered from the employees' refusal to work overtime. The resultant damage has been considered by a senior port official as "not inconsiderable."

The local Labour Council is backing the equal pay demand and the overtime stoppage. Port employees here recall that the Tel Aviv Labour Council energetically fought for the higher pay rates there, when the Port was operated by private interests.

Liberalized Visa Policy Urged by Travel Agents

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — In order to boost tourism, foreign agents of conducted tours should get a 10 per cent premium on the tour's dollar cost, the Israel Tourist and Travel Agents Association urged in a resolution at its annual general meeting today. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry was urged to be less liberal in granting licences for new agents, since there were enough agents now.

Another resolution protested against the ban of foreign diplomatic missions on recognized agents' rights to deal with their clients' visa arrangements. The abolition of tourist visas for U.S. and U.K. nationals was asked, and of exit visas for Israelis.

Mr. David Melamed, the Chairman, said that the number of tourists increased by ten per cent during 1954, reaching 39,000, of whom 60 per cent were *bona-fide* tourists.

The Ministry of Finance had earned $5m. from the tourist trade, out of the $9m. which was brought into the country.

Hotel facilities were better now than ever before, Mr. Melamed said. The 110 tourist class hotels contained 5,000 beds, but generally not more than 50 per cent were occupied at one time.

A.A.A. RECOMMENDS VISIT TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The American Automobile Association, a large organization servicing U.S. motorists, last week included Israel among the foreign countries it will recommend as a place for its millions of members to visit, it was announced here yesterday by Mr. Jacob Hilfer, Executive Vice-President of the Israel Tourist Service Corp., on his return from a tour of the U.S. to promote tourism to Israel.

His 14-week coast-to-coast tour had resulted in several groups signing contracts for visits to Israel next season, Mr. Hilfer said.

Israel Taking Part In Cyprus Fair

Israel will participate in the Cyprus trade fair in July, it was decided at yesterday's meeting of the Government Committee on Fairs.

This will be the ninth fair in which Israel will participate this year. The other eight are in New York, Johannesburg, Stockholm, Turkey, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, and Burma.

Registration for the Johannesburg fair, which is to open on March 31, has already closed. Registration for the New York fair, to open in the middle of May, is to close in 10 days.

Smuggling Suspect Remanded

HAIFA, Sunday. — For being in possession of 165 smuggled wrist-watches, Miklos Reisinger, of Haifa, was remanded for 10 days by the Haifa Magistrate A. Neumann, today. The watches, valued at about IL.5,000, were found in the engine casing of his refrigerator two days ago.

Smugglers are mainly using the services of seamen and airline personnel now, since the use of tins of canned food in which to smuggle goods has become risky, the police said.

'Asia Looks to Achievements Of Israel Labour Movement'

By Our Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The forces of the future in Asia are on our side, said Mr. Reuven Barkatt, head of the Political department of the Histadrut, in a report on his recent visit to the Far East given to the Histadrut Executive Committee here today.

Millions of workers and peasants all over Asia look to the achievements of Israel labour as a beacon of light, and wish to learn from them, continued Mr. Barkatt.

Despite the set-back at Jakarta (where it was decided not to invite Israel to the forthcoming conference of Asian and African nations) he declared, we must not forget that four out of the five nations represented, including India and Burma, supported Israel's inclusion.

At the Fourth Asian Socialist Conference, which he attended recently, it was clear that the Asian Socialist Parties had grown in maturity, unity and influence. Asian Socialism, he said, was very different from Western Socialism. It had different problems to face: The force behind it was not the town workers but mainly the peasants; it had to work in countries with backward economies; one of its main problems was the constant increase in the population; and it needed outside capital for development.

Trade Union Expansion

In Japan, where westernization in the past century had been only superficial, the occupation forces had not succeeded in shaking the semi-feudal social and economic structure. There had been a great expansion of the trade union movement, however, which had grown from 380,000 members just after World War II to 6 millions.

In surveying this visit to the Soviet Union, Mr. Haim Shurer said that he had not been invited by the Soviet Government, but had taken the initiative by himself. He had had very little opportunity to make the visits he wished and had found it very difficult to make contact with Soviet Jewry. Nevertheless, he had seen enough to convince him of the deep attachment of thousands of Soviet Jews to Israel.

At the opening of the executive meeting, tributes were paid to the memory of Feivush Bendori, in the presence of his widow and family. Messrs. Beri Repetur, Y. Meron, B. Marshak and Y. Yitzhaki paid tribute to Mr. Bendori's work for the Halutz movement, the raising of the standards of the town workers and the Histadrut education system. Among those present were Mr. Meir Yaari of Mapam, and Mr. Ya'akov Zerubavel, of Ahdut Ha'avoda-Poale-Zion.

10% of Jerusalemites Say They're 'Paupers'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ten per cent of all Jerusalemites claim to be "paupers," according to the number of applications received at the Municipal Treasury requesting full or partial exemption from municipal rates on living quarters.

The capital has 35,000 apartments which consist of 60,000 taxable rooms.

The Treasury has received 3,600 applications for exemptions and the Special Subcommittee appointed to examine these applications has so far considered the 600 most urgent, and has recommended exemptions to 500 persons, rejecting the remaining 100 requests.

JERUSALEM WON'T NAME STREET FOR I.Z.L.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A proposal to name a street in Jerusalem's Kiryat Shmuel quarter after the defunct Irgun Zvai Leumi (I.Z.L.) initiated a vitriolic ideological debate in the Jerusalem Municipal Council yesterday evening. The debate ended only with the rejection of the proposal, following which the two Herut members walked out of the hall in protest.

Mr. Haim Marinov (Histadrut) stated that I.Z.L. had not represented the majority of the *Yishuv*, as had the Palmach, while Mr. A. Rubin (Herut) said that "we sit here" because of I.Z.L.'s efforts. After the role of I.Z.L. had been heatedly discussed by members of the various parties, the resolution on naming the street was put to the vote and was rejected by seven votes to five, with two abstentions.

DRUZE SOLDIERS GET GIFTS IN HOSPITAL

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Presents on behalf of the Soldiers' Welfare Committee have been given to the three Druze soldiers who were wounded by Egyptian fire, which killed one of their comrades a week ago. Representatives of the Committee visited them in hospital.

"We have done our duty to our country," one of the wounded men said, stating that they will return to their unit as soon as possible.

J'lem Landlords Demand Lower Road Paving Rates

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem landlords should pay only the same percentage of the cost of paving roads as Haifa landlords, 50 per cent and not 100 per cent as at present, Mr. Aharon Valero, Chairman of the Jerusalem Landlords Association, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. He was commenting on the almost complete stoppage in road building in Jerusalem due to the refusal of landlords to pay for the paving of roads.

He noted that the Cheshin Committee had recommended two years ago that the Municipality should cut landlord participation to 75 per cent, the same rate as now prevails in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Valero claimed that the bill for paving roads often deprived the landlords of all income from their property for several years since it was in addition to taxes and other expenses. As an example, he cited the case of a landlord owning a building in the Nahlat Ahim quarter, who received IL.30 a year in clear rent and was asked to pay IL.350 for paving roads.

Much of the roadbuilding immediately after the foundation of the State was to overcome unemployment and was unnecessary. There was no reason why the landlords should be forced to carry the burden of fighting unemployment in these cases, he said.

He noted that the Cheshin Report also recommended that the City charge a five per cent "road improvement tax" on bus and train tickets and to charge the bus cooperative a higher franchise fee, since heavy buses are extremely detrimental to roads. Everyone, especially tenants, pedestrians and bus companies enjoyed the new roads and should be made to pay their share in paving them and in their upkeep.

The Landlords Association, which recently lost a test case in the Jerusalem District Court, is now appealing to the Supreme Court. No date has yet been fixed for hearings.

The Municipality is continuing to sue landlords in the District and Magistrate's courts for payment for roads built, he concluded.

Ampal's $10m. Plan For Investments

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — A plan for the investment of $10m. in various enterprises and institutions in Israel in the first half of this year is now being prepared by his organization, Mr. Abraham Dickenstein, President of Ampal told the press this morning before leaving for New York by TWA.

Three million dollars of this amount are to be invested in shares of Zim, Yakhin, the sugar factory in Afula, and the Seffen bar board factory near Afikim.

On Friday, Mr. Dickenstein was host to lunch for a party which included Dr. Lincoln B. Hale, head of the USOM, and Mr. F. Elliott, chief of its Industrial Division; Mr. T. Wanamaker, the U.S. Consul; as well as Mr. A. Zabarsky, and Mr. I. Bareli, Managing Directors of the Workers' Bank.

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New Tel Aviv Budget Due in Fortnight

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Municipal Council today decided to devote an extraordinary meeting next Thursday to the discussion of the 1954/55 budget. The Mayor announced that he hoped to have his estimate for the 1955/56 budget ready in less than two weeks.

In reply to a question from the Histadrut faction, Mr. Levanon promised to investigate to what extent victims of the recent floods had been exempted from the payment of municipal rates, as decided by the Council.

The Histadrut members of the Council also asked for an investigation into the raising of the taxes on trading and building licences.

Several times during the meeting the Mayor had difficulty in making himself heard above the private discussions of Council members, and suggested that the chair at the next Council meeting should be taken by "that big actor from 'Porgy and Bess' who has more strength than I have."

School, Library Burgled

A total of IL.3 was netted by Jerusalem burglars who broke into both the Yehuda Halevi School on Rehov Rahel Imaynu and the Hebrew University Library on Rehov Hovevei Zion on Saturday night. The money was taken from an iron box in the office of the Yehuda Halevi School, which the thieves entered by scaling a drainage pipe. Police believe that the same men burgled both institutions.

Espionage Conviction Upheld

The Supreme Court sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeal yesterday upheld the sentence of ten years imprisonment passed on a Christian resident, aged 40, on charges of espionage for a neighbouring country.

The Court stressed the particular severity of the accused's offence in trying to obtain information of military value from innocent persons.

The appellant was represented by Mr. A. Angel, while the Assistant State Attorney, Mr. G. Bach, appeared for the State.

Infant's Sudden Death

A three year old girl died in her mother's arms yesterday from what are as yet undetermined causes. The mother, Mrs. Beha Hiyun, returned from Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market where she had been shopping to find the child, Sarah, unconscious in their home in the Nahlat Zion quarter. The child was taken immediately to the Kupat Holim on Rehov Ben Yehuda where the doctor pronounced her dead.

A post mortem will be performed at Avihayil Hospital.

BOY HIT BY LORRY

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A 18-year-old boy, Michael Breuer, was severely injured when he was hit by a lorry in Rehov Dizengoff here today. The driver was arrested and later was released on bond. *(Itim)*

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Cables in Brief

ROTHSCHILD. — Mourners crowded into Vienna's central cemetery yesterday for the funeral of Baron Louis de Rothschild, former head of the Austrian branch of the International banking family, who died in Jamaica last week aged 72.

JOBLESS. — West Germany had 1,287,688 jobless at the end of the year, and one out of every four was a refugee, the Federal Employment Office reported in Nuremberg on Saturday.

REGRETS. — The Yugoslav Government announced yesterday that it had expressed regret to the Italian Government for an "unpleasant incident" on Saturday, when an Italian soldier was shot and slightly wounded in the Italo-Yugoslav frontier area.

"PEACE." — More than 600 armed police last night broke up a brawl between 400 representatives of South and North Koreans now living in Japan, who had met in Tokyo to discuss the peaceful reunification of their country. No arrests were made.

TRUTH. — Archbishop Giovani Battista Montini of Milan, celebrating midnight mass among the linotype machines of a Milan newspaper building, urged newspapermen to be "missionaries of truth." They must first know things thoroughly before writing about them, he said.

GHEE. — The liquid product of butter which has been melted and then cooled, *ghee*, is to be more plentiful in the Far and Middle East under a plan tentatively worked out in the U.S. to solve butter surplus problems.

SUBWAY. — The President of the Italian Republic, Mr. Luigi Einaudi, will inaugurate Rome's underground railway on February 9. It will be Italy's first, and will be 10 kms. long.

MAU MAU. — Kenyan Police and Home Guards on Saturday night captured Karioki Chotara, a Mau Mau commander who is believed to have organised an arson campaign in Nairobi.

LLOYD PREDICTS BRITISH ELECTION THIS YEAR

WIRRAL, Cheshire, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of Supply, predicted here last night that Britain would have a general election this year — the second member of the Government to do so in 24 hours.

In London, Mr. Eric Bullus, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the President of the Board of Trade, forecast one for Thursday, October 27.

VICTIM OF ROAD ACCIDENT BURIED

Yitzhak Armosa, 19, a soldier who died in Tel Hashomer hospital on Saturday of injuries sustained in a road accident two months ago, was buried yesterday in the military cemetery on Mt. Herzl. Present at the funeral were relatives and friends of the deceased and an Army honour guard.

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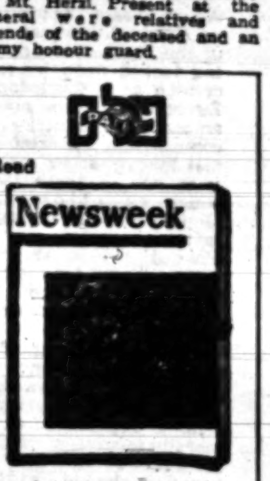

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EGYPT UNDER JUDGMENT

THE sands are running out for Colonel Abdul Nasser, the head of the Egyptian Government, just as they are for the two Jewish young men who but for a last-minute reprieve are to be executed today. Their fate is now solely in the hands of the Prime Minister of Egypt and it is his decision alone whether the clemency which is being sought by the civilized world will be granted or not. Petitions for an alleviation of the harshness of the eight sentences, but particularly for the commutation of the death penalty have come from sections of the Christian Church, from powerful organs of public opinion, from Jewish representative bodies, from the heads of governments and the diplomatic representatives of several states.

All deal with the same central theme. The sentences are excessive to the offence alleged. This is the argument even of those who accept the statement that the trial was fairly conducted and who discount the ugly elements which are impossible to expunge from the record; the suicide, the attempt of Victorine Nino to take her own life, and the allegations of torture being used to extort the confessions upon which the weight of the prosecution rested. But more important even than this judicial argument is the implied judgment which is being made about Egypt and the man who now holds its reputation in his hands—or did, up to this morning.

The action which Colonel Abdul Nasser takes in connection with the commutation of the death sentences is being looked upon by civilized opinion as a touchstone. Is Egypt really to be numbered among the countries which come within the orbit of normal humanitarian regimes or is it one of those lands in which reaction, medieval bigotry and a taste for savage revenge are thinly cloaked over by an only apparent regard for the conventions and forms of normal intercourse among the nations?

Colonel Nasser stands as it were at the parting of the ways inside his own country. He has gained, in many quarters, a reputation of being morally in advance of the type of politician who has up till now flourished in Egypt. The legend woven about him claims that he has the welfare of his country genuinely at heart; that he seeks its social advance but that he is bedevilled by the forces which have always been so strong in the Land of the Nile. There are the strongly entrenched powers of privilege and corruption; there is the fanatical Moslem Brotherhood with its virulent Xenophobia; there is the long inculcated hatred of Israel as the favoured safety valve of public opinion which every ruler of Egypt disregards at his peril. Added to these at the moment is the unrest and dissension in the Arab League which might perhaps be allayed "cheaply" at the cost of two Jewish lives.

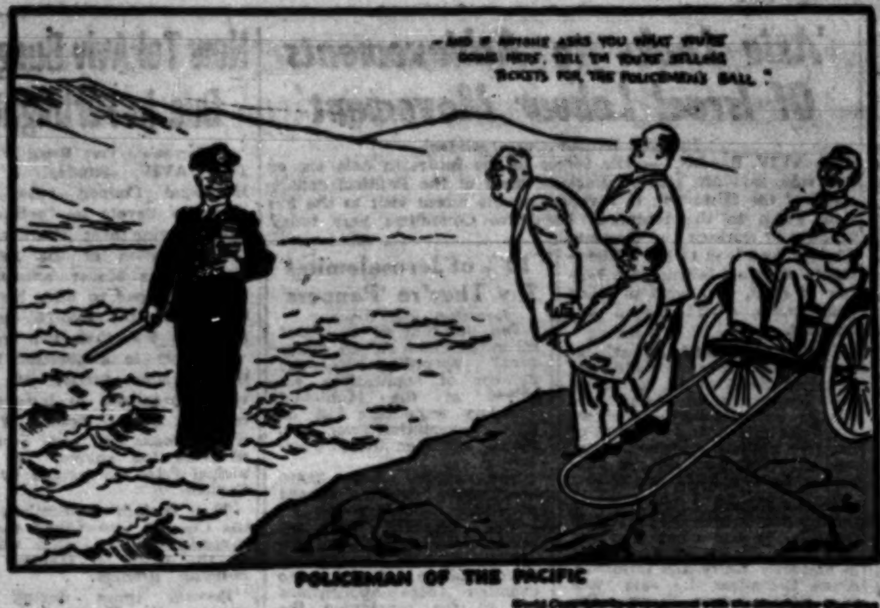
There are immediate visible gains and advantages to the Arab normal politician. What is there to set against them? Some significant imponderables — but is Nasser a man of the calibre to ponder them? Are his advisers men who will help him ponder them aright? There is the reputation of Egypt; there is the effect on the possibilities of peace and stability in the Middle East which might receive a sinister setback if the capital sentences are carried out and Egypt is shown as a nation which is quite unresponsive to modern ideas of civilization.

It is certain that it is the latter considerations which are really agitating the minds of thinking men and women in the West. So much depends upon the manifestation in the lands of the Middle East of the ultimate possibility of "fair-dealing and good sense," to use the phrase of yesterday's London "Observer." If there are signs in the midst of a tragic situation like the present that they exist then there will be implanted the tiny seed of hope for an ultimate pacific settlement of the area. If not, then the blood of the martyrs will be the seed of further and incalculable unrest.

Jordan-Indonesia Amity

The Jordan Cabinet on Saturday night approved a proposal to conclude a friendship pact with Indonesia, according to an Arab News Agency report from Amman yesterday.

Foreign Ministry sources today reported that a Jordan legation is to be established in Jakarta.



POLICEMAN OF THE PACIFIC

U.S. Committed to Defence of Straits

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON, (OFNS).—PRESIDENT Eisenhower has made it clear to Peking that the United States is fully and permanently committed to the defence of Formosa. Her loss, in his words, "would create a breach in the island chain of the West Pacific that constitutes for the United States and other free nations the geographical backbone of the security structure in that ocean." In other words, the Administration is seeking to avoid what has generally been considered the classic mistake of the Truman Administration in 1950 over Korea, of not making clear exactly what the United States would consider a vital interest in the Far East, and would therefore go to war to defend. It is trying to stabilise the potentially dangerous situation which has arisen as a result of Chinese attacks on the Tachen Islands by demonstrating both to Peking and to the allies of the United States that the American commitment to Formosa is a purely defensive one. This has been spelled out in greater detail in the mutual security pact with Formosa, but because events have overtaken the ratification of this treaty by the Senate, it was considered necessary to state it unequivocally and immediately.

Not Invasion Base

It is one of the tragedies of current diplomatic history that Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations, was not sufficiently well briefed by the State Department on the limitations that this treaty imposes on Chiang Kai-shek's power to invade the mainland as to be able to point out in black and white its purely defensive character to Mr. Chou En-lai on his recent visit to Peking. Official spokesmen, in commenting privately on the President's message, made it quite clear that any conception of using Formosa as a base for invasion of the mainland had been entirely abandoned, however useful the presence of an alternative Chinese Government on Formosa may be in fomenting doubt and schism on the Chinese mainland.

The President makes it clear that he (and only he) would use his authority as Commander-in-Chief to take action in the event of an emergency — as he has already ordered the Seventh Fleet to Formosan waters. But with his characteristic deference to Congress, he wants the clear authority of a Congressional resolution which, though it may be somewhat meaningless in constitutional terms, would have the valuable political effect of showing that he had a united nation behind him if emergency action were required. President Truman was widely criticised in Congress for construing the Presidential powers as enabling him to base the entire American action in Korea on his own authority, and the Republicans wish to avoid this source of friction. Though many Senators and Congressmen have serious reservations about giving the President wide powers in advance, Congress has done so by an overwhelming margin.

Doubt Cleared

The great doubt that the President's message has created concerns the Administration's intentions with regard to the offshore islands. As it states, the permanent defensive commitment of the United States remains to Formosa and the Pescadores alone. Equally, as the message implies, the United States has no intention of backing up the Nationalist defence of the strategically unimportant Tachen group of islands to the north of Formosa even if Chiang Kai-shek decides for reasons of Oriental "face" that his forces must not evacuate them.

But the phrase "we must be alert to any concentration or employment of Chinese Communist forces obviously undertaken to facilitate attack upon Formosa, and be prepared to take appropriate military action," means only one thing, that the United States will in the present situation resist any attack on the Quemoy group and the Matsu group of islands, which respectively seal up the mainland harbours of Amoy and Foochow, and therefore command the principal invasion routes to Formosa. Thus, the United States is committed to the defence of areas which it acknowledges are part of mainland China, and are not covered by its argument that Formosa and the Pescadores are, by international law and history, juridically and ethnically separate from China. Moreover, official spokesmen have made it perfectly clear that the United States would use air and naval forces to bomb shipping concentrations and jet airfields on the mainland where any force for the invasion of Formosa was being built up.

This is not the same as the idea of unleashing "massive retaliation" on the Chinese if Quemoy and the Matsus were attacked, which was rejected by the President last September, but it does contemplate the possibility of extending acts of war outside the Formosa area to ensure its protection. In a sense, this decision is a sop to Senator Knowland and the other advocates of a policy of "no compromise" with China, although it also, of course, makes sense militarily. But it is probable that one reason why the Administration has chosen to imply this extension of its present commitments outside the Formosa-Pescadores area is in order to give it some basis for negotiation with China, if and when Peking recognizes the firmness of the American intention to defend Formosa and decides that there might be some advantage in a cease-fire after all.

Readers' Letters

HEALTH CENTRES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In connection with the remarks of Dr. Sidney Kark on coordination of health services, reported in your issue of January 14, we wish to draw your attention to the following facts:

When Hadassah approached us with the proposal to cooperate in establishing a health centre for curative and preventive medicine at Kiryat Yovel in Jerusalem we immediately consented. Kupat Holim put its dispensary at the disposal of the Centre, bearing the expenses of medical treatment of members and their families and hospitalization and special medical treatment at its Jerusalem dispensaries.

Why did Dr. Kark omit mention of Kupat Holim's cooperation in this common venture?

Kupat Holim always welcomes and accepts every concrete proposal for cooperation and coordination of medical work. For instance, hospitalization of accidents is coordinated between government hospitals and those of Kupat Holim; the principal health institutions have divided the country into districts for mother and child welfare stations; Kupat Holim has agreed to the establishment of common health centres in Ashkelon and Kiryat Shmoneh; the Kupat Holim school for hospital management and dietetics also serves government hospitals.

If Dr. Kark stresses "the lack of coordination between the health services...," what kind of coordination does he have in view? In the field of ambulatory services, Kupat Holim maintains 90 per cent (850 in number) of the dispensaries in Israel.

Kupat Holim extends medical treatment not only to Histadrut members; it also serves members of Hapoel Hamizrahi and Poalei Agudat Israel, families of draftees, soldiers of the Regular Army and others. At the request of the Ministry for Social Welfare, Kupat Holim gives medical aid to 30,000 social cases (which is a considerable burden on its budget and personnel) and also to various settlements, Arab workers, etc.

There is a precise division of functions among the main public health bodies: The Ministry of Health is responsible for public health and public hygiene as well as part of hospitalization. Kupat Holim is the main health insurance institution, embracing 66 per cent of the population; its principal functions are the maintenance of dispensaries all over the country, hospitals in rural districts, and convalescent homes. Hadassah maintains the University Hospital. Malben takes care of the hospitalization of invalids and the chronically ill among the new immigrants.

Dr. Kark did not mention the number of health centres of the Kiryat Yovel type maintained in developed countries such as South Africa, nor did he express an opinion whether we in Israel are in a position to establish and maintain health centres like Kiryat Yovel, which require a large personnel. Where will the extensive funds necessary for the purpose come from?

Kupat Holim is greatly handicapped for lack of medical personnel for rural districts and is trying to solve this problem in various ways but it will hardly be possible to find a solution without legislation obliging doctors to work for a certain period in villages and agricultural settlements. Many old countries have such legislation.

There is a great deal of talk about coordination, but deeds are needed instead of words and it is unfair, while on the subject, to pass over in silence the medical cooperation already existing in Israel.

Yours etc.
ITZHAK KANEV
Director, Kupat Holim
Tel Aviv, January 18.

KEEPING POSTED

THE Jerusalem Touring Club play readings are thoroughly enjoyed by those who attend them, and on Thursday night a practised cast was weaving its way through the strange maze of T.S. Eliot's play about illegitimacy and exchanged identities, "The Confidential Clerk." In the middle of a dramatic climax and massed revelations the light went out. Petroleum lamps were hastily collected and set about and with some straining of the eyes the play went on. "Enter B. Kagan"; the pseudo-Jew immediately begins to chatter in his uninhibited fashion, preventing further revelations. He produced a laugh not intended by Eliot when he looked at the decorations of the newly furnished flat, and said "I'm not sure I like them... It's all a bit too dim... You need something brighter!"

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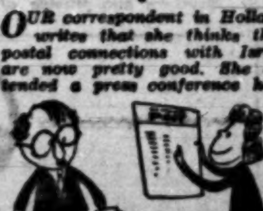
OUR correspondent in Holland writes that she thinks that postal connections with Israel are now pretty good. She attended a press conference held by Mr. Menahem Begin in Amsterdam on the morning of the 19th of this month, taking with her a copy of The Jerusalem Post of the 18th, which had arrived just before she left the house. In it was an account of Herut's motion of no-confidence in the Government tabled and defeated on the previous day (January 17). Mr. Begin spoke for some time in support of the suggestion that Israel should have attempted to seize an Egyptian merchant vessel in retaliation to the Egyptians' detention of the Bat Galim. She accordingly said to Mr. Begin "I think that Mr. Sharett gave a very persuasive reply on Monday as to why this had not been done," and proceeded to read an account of the Prime Minister's speech on that occasion. Mr. Begin said later that he had been travelling, and had not even known that the motion had been tabled by his party. She says that he read the account of the debate with great interest and adds "the fact that the Herut motion had been defeated by an overwhelming majority seemed to heighten rather than dim Mr. Begin's high spirits."



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OF course there are also many complaints at the vagaries of the Posts and Customs. We have a letter from Tel Aviv from a woman who received a notification from the Post Office that a parcel of stamps awaited her in the Customs department. She was instructed to call any Friday between 9 and 10 a.m. She made arrangements to be free at that time and went to collect the mysterious parcel. She explained that she did not deal in stamps or even collect them, and thought it quite unlikely that anybody could have sent her a large consignment of stamps from abroad — as far as she was concerned they could send them back. Finally the parcel was opened. It contained a collection of newspaper cuttings from Italian papers, and on the wrapping it said STAMPE, which is Italian for Printed Matter.

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IT is comforting to read that Customs charges also cause deadlocks abroad. A spokesman for Madam Tussaud's, the great London Waxworks Museum, said that they could not exhibit the model of General Gruenther, Supreme Commander of Allied Powers in Europe, because the uniform the General had sent from France was being held by the Customs authorities for 40 per cent tax, although it was worn. "Now look what's happened," the spokesman said. "He is lying about naked in bits and pieces waiting for a uniform so we can assemble him." The Customs people claim that the uniform is wanted for commercial purposes and is liable to full tax rates. An English-made uniform will not do, for Tussaud's pride themselves on the fact that they invite all the originals of their models to donate one of their own suits or dresses.

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A well-known Israel singer usually has his lunch at a certain small restaurant in Tel Aviv. A few days ago, while he was eating, the four-year-old daughter of the owner came in and got talking with him. When she heard his name she delighted him by saying that she had heard him sing on the radio a little while before. "You sing very, very beautifully," she told him. The place is very quiet and was almost empty, and he asked his new fan whether she would like him to sing something for her now. The child said "I should love it, but I haven't got my radio here with me now."

Today's contributors are: S. J. Kahn, Jerusalem, and H. Komane and Rita Krimolovsky, Tel Aviv.

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Yesterday's Press

Eyes on Abdul Nasser

THE Cairo sentences and the efforts made throughout the world to save the two condemned to death again occupy the leading position in Sunday's press. "Ha'aretz" (non-party) says that the Jewish public has not been so shocked for many years! If the death sentences are carried out, the atmosphere will be poisoned for years to come. On the other hand if the sentences are commuted a palpable change in the whole political climate would be brought about. Everything depends now on whether Gamal Abdul Nasser will give in to all kinds of domestic pressure (such as the sacrifice of the lives of the two Jews in order to push into the background the sentences against the Moslem Brotherhood) or whether he will show himself a statesman of a higher calibre and different from his predecessors and colleagues in the other Arab countries.

Mass Demonstrations

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) calls in its editorial on world public opinion to prevent the execution of the two, while "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Avoda) says that the feeling of the people here has not yet been voiced with the necessary stress, nor has the Government issued the necessary warning. The paper calls for mass demonstrations of solidarity and says that those who shed the blood of Jews faithful to their people open a long account of blood with the people of Israel.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) deals with the crisis at the Arab League Prime Ministers' conference and says that Iraq has emerged victorious from the present round. Iraq and Turkey want a rapprochement with Syria and they are apparently trying to win over Syria's army officers. If they succeed, Lebanon and Jordan would also be willing to join the Turkish alliance and this would indeed be the end of the Arab League. "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) also believes that the Cairo conference has failed but expects new competition between Cairo and Baghdad in anti-Israel hostility.

U.N. Responsibility

"Davar" (Histadrut) says that the T.S.O. staff of the U.N. carries a great responsibility in view of the new wave of aggression. Needless to say such ups and downs do not depend on the U.N., but on the internal situation in the various Arab countries. However the attackers should be denounced and any attempt to hush up matters or to evade responsibility by sticking to formalities will encourage the terrorists even more and cause a multiplication of incidents.

Both "Zmanim" (Progressive) and "Al Hamishmar" deal with the situation in the Far East, regarding it a danger to world peace. "Davar", in a first leader, comments on the problem of finding employment for older workers and employees and says that this is one of our sore points which has been aggravated by several new factors in recent years. The problem has to be tackled now in earnest, and a satisfactory solution found.

Is This An Armistice?

(Incidents reported in The Jerusalem Post during January).

SUNDAY, January 2. — Marauders steal cart from Moshav Gela, Western Negev... Two Lebanese infiltrators get 10 years for smuggling.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4. — Jordanians attack Kfar Zecharia settlement guard... Work tools stolen from Kibbutz G'vulot, Western Negev.... Israel-Syrian MAC discusses detention, since December 8, of five Israel soldiers.

WEDNESDAY, January 5. — Fawzi of Egypt promises Bat Galim release this week... Water pipes from Kibbutz Tse'elim... Attackers of Kibbutz Beit Kamma, near Shuval, beaten off... Tractor parts stolen from Gan Hakal, near Ramle.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6. — Jordan's unprecedented search demand holds up fortnightly convoy to Mt. Scopus.

FRIDAY, January 7. — Two hundred empty sacks stolen from Kibbutz G'vulot.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9. — Shots fired from Jordan territory at three persons walking along railway tracks in vicinity of Kfar Hanahal, southwest of Jerusalem... Stones thrown at policeman on guard at Mandelbaum Gate.

MONDAY, January 10. — Israel patrol discovers Jordan flock in Israel territory... Irrigation pipes, valued at IL.224, stolen from Moshav Gilat, west of Beersheba.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13. — Scopus convoy proceeds after UN search... MAC asks Syria to treat five captured Israel soldiers as prisoners of war.

FRIDAY, January 14. — Pte. Uri Ilan, one of the five soldiers held in Damascus jail, committed suicide. Body handed over to Israel.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16. — Israel accuses Syria of violating Geneva Convention on Prisoners... Legionnaires throw stones at Israel Police hut at Mandelbaum Gate... Olive saplings and tomatoes stolen from Kibbutz Magen, near Beersheba... Kibbutz [illegible] Diesel motor blown up.

MONDAY, January 17. — Two Ramle Arabs sentenced to five years for transmitting official secrets to enemy.

TUESDAY, January 18. — Syria announces intention of trying four Israel soldiers in its custody... Incarcerated men still ignorant of fate that befell Uri Ilan... Automatic fire directed by Syrian soldiers at Israel tractor drivers working 300 metres from frontier... Automatic fire from Syrian lines at Sha'ar Yashuv shepherd... Infiltrators steal wash from Ramat Rahel, Jerusalem.

WEDNESDAY, January 19. — Two Israel tractor drivers, members of Mevo Betar, murdered in sleep by Jordan marauders in Agur settlement, Jerusalem Corridor... Noham settlement guards clash with Arab gang who tried to make off with goats... Arab thieves steal laundry from Eitanim, Jerusalem Corridor... Israel will not accept suggestion made by Gen. Burns that Demilitarized Zone on Syrian frontier be partitioned into two administrative areas... Syrian jail chief alleges Ilan suffered nervous breakdown... Egypt insists Bat Galim taken to Israel port only on condition that it does not pass through Suez Canal.

THURSDAY, January 20. — Fire opened on members of Givat Rahel settlement, near Nitzana... Plum tree saplings, valued at IL.750, stolen from Kibbutz Ein Hashlosha, Western Negev... 75 metres of irrigation pipes stolen from Moshav T'kuma, Western Negev... Fire opened from Syrian position on civilian car... Fire opened from Syrian military post on Israel fishing boats on Lake Kinneret... Two young Arab herders and 129 head of cattle abducted by armed Jordanians... Body of Jordanian marauder found after Israel patrol opens fire in Al-Kabu area, Jerusalem Corridor.

FRIDAY, January 21. — Fire opened from Syrian position at Israel Army unit on exercises south of Lake Hula... Horse and tools stolen from Moshav Ahuzam and Kibbutz Erez, near Gaza Strip... Three sewing machines stolen from Kibbutz Tse'elim.

SUNDAY, January 23. — Israel soldier killed by Egyptian Army unit who opened fire on Israel Druse unit patrolling Israel territory in vicinity of Nir Yitzhak... Two Israel soldiers wounded by shots fired by Arab Legionnaires at end of Rehov Hanevi'im, Musrara, Jerusalem... Israel lorry driver wounded by automatic fire near Hadera... Exchange of shots between Syrian military force and members of Kibbutz Gonen, Upper Galilee.

MONDAY, January 24. — Automatic fire from Syrian military position on Kibbutz Dan shepherd... Members of Hagovrim settlement fired upon from Syrian position... Eighty kgs. of high explosives and 800 rounds of ammunition discovered in Western Negev... Sheep valued at IL.160 stolen from P'duyim settlement.

TUESDAY, January 25. — The four Israel soldiers, imprisoned in a Damascus jail, have at last been informed of the M.A.C. decision 12 days ago urging their release... Lt. Mohammed Daoud, of the M.A.C., informed Israel of arrest of thief who stole laundry from Ramat Rahel last week. But denies any knowledge of the arrest of the two Agur (tractorist) murderers, announced day before yesterday.

WEDNESDAY, January 26. — One Negev settler killed, one wounded as Arab band from Gaza Strip attack tractor team at work in Ein Hashlosha fields.

THURSDAY, January 27. — Israel patrols fired upon by Jordanians southeast of Beit Guvrin.

SUNDAY, January 30. — Irrigation pipes and sprinklers stolen from Gevim, Western Negev... Live grenade found in same area.

Even Good Farmers Need Outside Work

By RUTH GALE

THE average annual cash earnings of a farmer in a five-year-old cooperative settlement—and a good, industrious farmer at that — are about IL.1,500, according to a small but thorough survey carried out recently by an agrarian economist. Of this, the family spends between IL.800 and IL.1,000 in the co-op store for groceries and dry goods, leaving say, IL.700 for payment of taxes, water, education (if it aspires to better than the village school for its children, as many do), insurance, clothing, fertilizers, seeds, tractor hire and dozens of other goods and services.

To this several hundred pounds a year will shortly be added for loan repayment to the Jewish Agency.

It is clear that the farmer does not earn enough to maintain his family, even at a minimum subsistence level, and keep his farmstead going. Hence, many a farmer works outside some days of the week or borrows money to keep going. Some do both, and even then they cannot make ends meet.

According to the report, only one out of 31 settlers investigated was free of debts last year (bar the big investment debt to the Jewish Agency); he invested between IL.500 and IL.1,000 in his farm during the year. Altogether, 24 families invested money in farm and home, most of them by obtaining bank loans through the Settlement Committee, and a few by borrowing from private individuals, often relatives. Eight families (including two which earned less than IL.1,000 in the year) invested more than IL.1,000 during the same period. It seems a fact, says the report, "that the farmers deemed it essential to invest money, even at the expense of their own consumption, or even if it meant increasing their indebtedness. It is clear... that... the farm today does not yield a decent income... and this is why the farmer is searching for ways to increase (his holdings)."

Debt Widespread

Indebtedness puts six out of 25 families into the above IL.1,000 bracket. At the end of the year, most farmers owed more than they had invested, and four out of eight had increased their debts considerably without any investment whatever. This, states the survey, reveals a "very grave situation," and fear is expressed that such debt accumulation may freeze the development of many villages entirely; there have already been cases of individual farmers, so steeped in debt that the community has refused to lend them more.

Three years ago, conditions were different. Members of new smallholder communities made good money as farm products sold at a premium, and many of them made even more money by selling part of their products on the black market. Now their products are chasing custom and despite the considerably higher cost of maintenance and raw materials, they get no more for their eggs and vegetables than they did three years ago; as a matter of fact, they usually get less.

Then, few of these smallholders used to work away from the farm. At Beit el-Azari and Kidron, south of Rehovot, hardly one farmer could be found employed on public works, and that held for other areas, too. Today, many smallholders are grateful for any workday the exchange allocates to them, at the rate of IL.3.400.

"The fact that 35 per cent of the farmers surveyed — and they are from among the better elements in the communities — also work outside their farms, shows again that the framework of the farm in its present make-up is insufficient to... provide an adequate income for the farmer," says the report. In the two top income categories (between IL.2,000 and 3,000 a year) the men seek no outside employment, but in the following categories they do, even more so than in the bottom (zero to IL.500) group.

It may be argued that a survey of only 31 settlers is too superficial to arrive at definite conclusions as to the trend the mixed smallholder farm is taking. But the people were selected with great care and after long observation that included interviews with instructors and co-op store managers on the spot, and the survey was carried out by someone who knows conditions in farms. "The picture three years ago was not real because of the inflation," he says. "Now we're facing reality."

More Guidance Needed

What are the remedies to make small holdings yield a decent income, decent enough to make the people stick it out? The author of the survey thinks that even the "most successful elements" among the five-year-old smallholders need further expert guidance; 25 dunams irrigated plus 15 non-irrigated dunams so that they can grow their own livestock feed; help to raise milk yields to such a standard that the cows don't "eat up the farms," since otherwise more livestock will soon vanish to the slaughterhouse; and, above all, debt consolidation. The fact that those who went in for legume and peanut raising were better off than those who confined themselves to vegetable production only, may also serve as a pointer.

In his introduction, the economist hopes that his analysis will help those who are concerned with agricultural planning to understand present economic conditions assisting the Agricultural Planning Board in its decisions on the best ways to extend aid to the settlers and to plan the development of new settlements. It is indeed hoped that the report, preliminary and restricted in scope though it may be, will be taken note of.

This is the second of two articles. The first appeared on Jan. 18.

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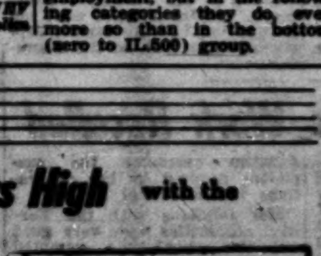

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of
Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's registered office at Kfar Ata on
Wednesday, February 23, 1955, at 10 a.m.

AGENDA

1. To pass a resolution to capitalise part of the Appreciation Reserve and to issue Bonus Shares, i.e. a new kind of shares to be known as and called Deferred Shares in the proportion of IL.1 new share for IL.10 old shares, to the holders of Ordinary Shares in the Company who are registered on the day of the Meeting passing the resolution, and who are entitled to dividend as from January 1, 1955.
2. To pass a Special Resolution on the creation of the said Deferred Shares, and to make the necessary amendments in the Articles of Association.
3. To pass a Special Resolution to alter Article 96 of the Articles of Association in order to enable the Directors to set aside amounts at their discretion as Reserves.
4. To pass a Special Resolution to give the holders of Preference Shares in the Company the right to convert their shares into Ordinary Shares "C" upon payment of a premium of 20% during the period up to March 31, 1955.
5. To consider any additional report of the Directors.

Copies of the proposed resolutions may be inspected at the registered office of the Company at Kfar Ata, or at the office of Advocate Dr. F. STEIF, 33 Rehov Herzl, Haifa, during usual business hours.

Kfar Ata, January 27, 1955.
J. ABRAMOV
Secretary